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Duncan Hines

On March 26, 1880, Duncan Hines was born the youngest in a family of six on Adams Street in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Growing up, Duncan and his siblings spent a lot of time with their grandparents. It was there, from his Grandma Duncan, that Duncan Hines began to appreciate cooking. Grandma Duncan was always creating different dishes for Duncan and his siblings to eat while they were growing up. When Duncan was sixteen years old, he graduated from high school and continued his education at Bowling Green Business College. Although Duncan did not receive a diploma, he attended college for a full two years until he was forced to move out west because he was suffering from asthma.

In 1905, Duncan began working in a printing and advertising business and shortly became one of the best sales representatives at the firm. While Duncan was a traveling salesman, he and his wife began to take notes about the restaurants they ate at. Soon, acquaintances and strangers began to ask Duncan Hines advice about where to eat while traveling. This is where the idea for Duncan's book *Adventures in Good Eating* came from. He realized after he started selling thousands of books that he could make another career in writing.

He went on to publish more books about his traveling experiences, recipes, and vacation spots. In 1949 Hines and Roy H. Park formed Hines – Park Foods Inc. after his line of cake mixes became a best seller. He then expanded this line to over 150 food products. More than one hundred million packages of Duncan Hines food products were sold in 1954 alone. He sold

his company in 1956 and went into a semiretirement before he passed away March 15, 1959 to lung cancer. We still remember Duncan Hines with the second largest baking mix company in the U.S. and the annual Duncan Hines festival held in his hometown of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Works Cited.

Duncanhines.com. Pinnacle Foods Corp., 2011. Web. 4 Oct. 2011.

On this website, you can go to a link and it tells the story of Duncan Hines. It begins by giving the basic background information of his life then goes into telling about some of the books he published. It tells all about the business he and Roy Park formed and some of the mixes that are sold in their business.

Duncanhinesfestival.com. Duncan Hines, 2011. Web. 4 Oct. 2011.

This website also gives a history of Duncan Hines as well as tells about the Duncan Hines festival that is held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This tells a list of all the events that are held at the festival. This website shows how people are still remembering and celebrating all the love they have for Duncan Hines.

Hatchett, Louis. *Duncan Hines: The Man Behind the Cake Mix*. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2001. Print.

This book is a biography about Duncan Hines. It starts with the history of his family before he was born and gives details about his life all the way until after he passed away. This book talked about the jobs he had, many of the experiences Duncan Hines had while traveling, and even as in depth as some of Duncan's pet peeves.

Kleber, John E., Thomas D. Clark, Lowell H. Harrison, and James C. Klotter. "Duncan Hines." *Kentucky Encyclopedia*. 1992 ed. Print.

This reference source gives the reader the basic information about Duncan Hines. It tells information such as his birthday, hometown, and family life as well as information about his career. This encyclopedia lists several of the books Duncan Hines wrote and a little bit of information of what they are about.

Olver, Lynne. "The Food Timeline." *www.foodtimeline.org/foodcakes*. N.p., 3 Sept. 2011. Web. 4 Oct. 2011.

This website has a lot of different cake histories on it. It serves as a question and answer type of information. It has information about Duncan Hines himself, his business, and there are even answers to questions about his wife. Not only is it information about him, but there was quotes that Duncan Hines had said about his life and business.

Weigley, Emma S. "Adventures in Good Eating: Duncan Hines of Kentucky." *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 97.1 (1999): 27-41. Print.

This article gives descriptive information about the life of Duncan Hines. It tells about his struggles as well as the high points in his life. Throughout the article, there are pictures of Duncan Hines at work and in the kitchen. These pictures help show what kind of a man Duncan Hines was.