

## MUMMA GRAVEYARD

Antietam Battlefield  
Sharpsburg, Maryland

### A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MUMMA FARM AND GRAVEYARD

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On July 26, 1811 the Mumma Farm was deeded to **Jacob Mumma** including the private burial ground therein. On January the 8th 1831 this farm was transferred to **Samuel Mumma, Sr.** and his wife, **Elizabeth Miller Mumma** from his father, **Jacob Mumma**. **Jacob Mumma** had purchased this land from **Christian Orndorff** (died 1797) and his wife, **Elizabeth Hoffman Orndorff**. At the time of purchase, members of the Orndorff family were already buried in the family graveyard. This farm was called "ANDERSON'S DELIGHT". The oldest member of the Mumma family was **Jacob Mumma**, 1766-1848. *[Note by Doug Mumma – a careful examination of the records shows the oldest Mumma buried in the cemetery is **Barbara Mumma**, b. abt 1765 and the older sister of Jacob. She married **Joseph Sherrick** after his first wife died]*

**Samuel Mumma, Sr.** and his wife, **Elizabeth Mumma**, donated 100 perches of land more or less, to **Jos. Wolfe** and six other deacons of the German Baptist Faith this land upon which to erect a church (Mumma's Church and later, the Dunker Church). The deed was executed on October 7th, 1873 from a deed recorded April 12, 1851 to certain members of this Dunker Church from land records *WMcK K #6 Folio 30*, Oct. 7th, 1873.

The Mumma Graveyard was a burying ground belonging to the nearby farm. We do not know when it came into existence but we do know that when it **was** owned by the Orndorffs who migrated to Washington County from Pennsylvania in 1762 the graveyard was there. When **Christian Orndorff** died December 10, 1797 he was buried in this graveyard. On April 10, 1810 the Orndorff heirs sold the farm and adjoining graveyard to **Jacob Mumma**. On July 19, 1829 **Christian Orndorff**'s wife Elizabeth died and was buried beside her husband in what was then known as "The Mumma Graveyard". In January 1837 the farm was deeded to Samuel Mumma Sr. son of **Jacob Mumma**. In February 1851 **Samuel Mumma Sr.** and wife Elizabeth donated a piece of land to the German Baptist Brethren on which to build a church. This church was commonly known as The Dunker or Mumma's Church.

According to a deed recorded in the Washington County Court house on October 7, 1873, **Samuel Mumma and Elizabeth Mumma**, his wife, granted to **Michael Miller, Jacob F. Miller, Elizabeth Middlekauff, John Ecker, Sarah Sherrick, Henry F. Neikirk, William Roulette, Henry B. Rohrback, Nathaniel Mumma, Joshua Wyand, Samuel Avey, Susan Kennedy, Benjamin F. Miller, Nancy Miller, David F. Otto, Thomas S. Fisher, Martha Schlosser, Jacob Miller, Abraham Corbett, Jacob Highbarger**, and their heirs upon all funeral occasions for the burial of their dead the free use of a private road to and from the lot therein conveyed. The wall of stone was erected in 1873 after the burial ground was enlarged.

On November 23, 1887 the Mumma Graveyard Endowment Association was formed. This association functioned through the years until 1975. It was dissolved when the graveyard was taken over by the United States Government who has owned the adjoining farm for some years. The graveyard was donated to the U. S. Government by the heirs of the Mumma family.

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Note: This is still an active burial grounds, but limited to the heir's. The burial listings on the next page are given in alphabetical order except for the wives, whose maiden names are listed. They are listed next to their husbands. A listing of the burials was recorded by Mrs. Warren D. Miller of the DAR in 1942. This was later updated by Samuel Webster Piper and published by the DAR as the "Washington County, Maryland, Cemetery Records, Volume 1". Additional burials since these publication have been added. After the Battle of Antietam, two trenches of soldiers were buried in the Mumma Graveyard. They were removed later to the Antietam National Cemetery.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Names</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>
Avey	Samuel			Oct 21 1911	22y 11m 11d
Avey	Emeline			Sep 21 1917	79y 6m 16d
Avey	Catherine	Aug 14 1828		Sep 16 1868	wife of Samuel Avey
Avey	Josephine	Oct 22 1856		Dec 21 1910	wife of Samuel Avey
Avey	Herbert Franklin			Dec 14 1898	dau of Samuel & Emeline Avey
Biser	John H.			May 22, 1864	28d
Ecker	John	Apr 21 1797		Feb 28 1875	11y 3m 9d
Ecker	Mary Magdaline			15 July 1853	wife of John Ecker
Ecker	Sarah Ann			Jul 5 1853	dau of John & Magdaline Ecker
Ecker	Elizabeth			Sep 17 1892	wife of John Ecker
Fisher	Thomas	May 8 1821		Oct 4 1895	
Fisher	Rebecca			Feb 15 1900	wife of Thomas S. Fisher
Kennedy	Dr. Robert E.			Apr 15 1859	45y 6m 20d
Kennedy	Susan	Nov 2 1814		Mar 25 1884	wife of Dr. Robert E. Kennedy
Miller	Benjamin F.			Dec 15 1910	82y 4m 2d
Miller	Matilda			Jun 3 1894	wife of Benjamin F. Miller
Miller	Elmer E.			Nov 13 1863	son of Benjamin F. & Matilda Miller
Miller	Elizabeth	Oct 29, 1791		Mar 3 1852	
Mumma	Samuel, Jr.	Aug 27 1838		Nov 8 1925	son of Samuel & Elizabeth Miller Mumma
Reichard	Frances E.	Nov 16 1844		Dec 6 1883	wife of Samuel Mumma Jr.
Mumma	Ollivia			Oct 23 1881	9m 16d dau. of Samuel Jr. & Frances Mumma
Mumma	Daniel S	July 12 1835		Nov 9 1892	56y
Mumma	Augusta Sophia			Feb 9 1883	45y 6mo 20d
Mumma	Allen Russell	20 Jan 1878		Jan 20 1878	
Mumma	Samuel, Sr.	Nov 8 1801		Dec 7 1878	
Miller	Elizabeth	Nov 12 1815		Aug 25 1886	70y 9m 13d
Mumma	Mary E.	Oct 1848		Jan 1902	wife of Samuel Mumma Sr. 2nd wife of Daniel S. Mumma [Kennedy]
Mumma	Jacob	Apr 9 1766		Sep 23 1848	
Hoffman	Barbara			1771	2 <sup>nd</sup> wife of Jacob Mumma, Sr.
Hertzler	Elizabeth	Oct 4 1764		Feb 23 1838	1 <sup>st</sup> wife of Jacob Mumma Sr.
Mumma	John	Dec 12 1787		Nov 25 1835	son of Jacob & Elizabeth Mumma
Mumma	George Washington	Feb 22 1828		Feb 5 1842	
Mumma	Mary			Jan 30 1862	65y 7m 6d
Mumma	Infant son				wife of John Mumma son of Nathan & Elizabeth Mumma
Mumma	Thomas Harris	March 19 1845		Oct 5 1845	son of Samuel Sr., & Elizabeth Mumma
Mumma	Catherine			Jun 27 1833	27y dau. of Samuel & Barbara Hertzler Mumma
Mumma	Barbara Hertzler		1807	Jun 7 1833	26y 4m 15d
Mumma	John Thorton			Mar 28 1830	10m 10d 1 <sup>st</sup> wife of Samuel Mumma Sr. son of Samuel Sr. & Barbara Mumma
Mumma	Catherine Amelia	Dec 19 1847		Nov 1 1849	dau. of Jacob & Ann Mumma
Smith	Mary E.			Aug 20 1863	23y 5m 29d
Otto	David F.		1829	1915	wife of Thomas Smith
Otto	Elizabeth			Jun 9 1864	38y 6m 27d
Otto	Elizabeth			Aug 21 1861	wife of David Otto
Otto	Eliza J.	Dec 23 1835		Jul 9 1919	1y 12d dau. of David & Elizabeth Otto
Sherrick	Joseph Sr.		1769	Mar 17 1846	
Hartzler	Barbara	Dec 25 1766		5 Oct 1804	1 <sup>st</sup> wife of Joseph Sherrick Sr.
Mumma	Barbara			Nov 14 1840	abt. 75y
Sherick	Joseph	2 Mar 1798		Aug 25 1857	2 <sup>nd</sup> wife of Joseph Sherrick Sr.
Sherrick	Joseph			Aug 10 1871	69y 8m 28d
Sherrick	Sarah			Aug 25 1874	67y 7m 7d
Wagoner	Reashah T.			Jun 1 1851	wife of Joseph Sherrick dau. of Samuel & Catherine Wagoner