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LT. DANIEL CLOVIS MOOMAW RECEIVES POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

An award ceremony for Lt. Daniel Clovis Moomaw was held on Veteran's day, November 11, 2005 in the Lee Chapel of William and Lee University. Through the persistent efforts of Bruce and Cecelia Smith, historian and secretary respectively, of the 80th Division Veterans, a Purple Heart and Victory Medal were finally awarded to "Clovis", 87 years after his death in France during WWI. Clovis served with the U.S. Army 80th Division.

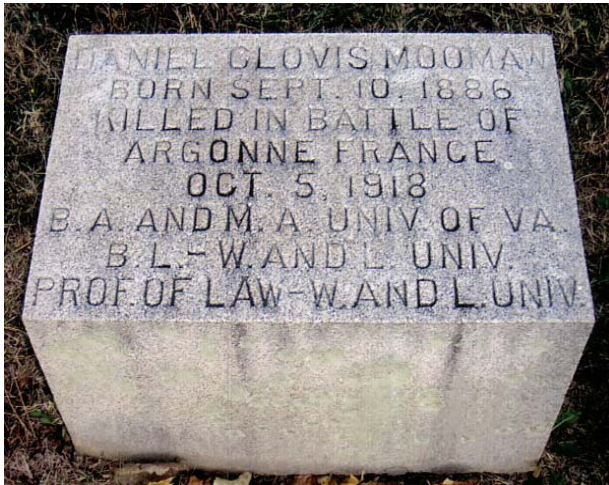
The following information was written in the "Descendants of 80th Division Veteran's" newsletter.
<http://www.80thdescendants.com/newsletter/1205.htm>

"The Descendants of the 80th Division purchased the medals and a shadow box and made arrangements to present them to the soldier's Alma Mater, Washington and Lee University. Prior to entering the Army, Clovis Moomaw had been a law professor and assistant football coach at William and Lee University.

*"On November 11th, the University hosted members of the Moomaw family, Descendants and Association members and 80th IT personnel for a special program in Lee Chapel. Although Lt. Moomaw had not married, and most of his relatives are distant cousins, eleven of them were in attendance. They were: **John Mumaw, Rear Admiral (Ret.)** from North Barrington, IL; **Patricia Painter Simmons** from Fincastle, VA; **Charles and Betty Crockett** from Wytheville, VA; **Kathleen Moomaw Hall** from Urbanna, VA; **Peggy Painter Davis** and her daughter, **Cathy Goad**, from Fincastle, VA; **Susie Mumma Saburn** from Forest, VA; **George Wysor** from Alexandria, VA and **Becky and Harry Mumma** from Goshen, VA. Several members of the University staff also took part; namely, Interim President Harlan Beckley; Paul Gardner, Director of Law School Relations; Jim Farrar, Secretary of the University and Assistant to the President (also the recipient of a Moomaw football award several years ago); John Jacobs, Archivist; and William C. Datz, Chaplain."*



"Woody" and Rebecca "Becky" Mumma with Ret. Rear Admiral John "Jack" Mumaw



Rebecca “Becky” Mumma participated in the ceremony by providing an appropriate reading of **"In Flanders Fields"**. She also gave a short biography of the Canadian doctor who wrote the poem, and what had caused him to write the very emotional words.

I would like to thank all of you who made the effort and attended the ceremony. Also special thanks to Bruce and Cecelia Smith, as this award and ceremony would have never occurred without their tireless efforts. Bulletin #28 contains a photograph of Clovis along with additional information about the circumstances surrounding his military actions and death.

REVISED DNA REPORTS POSTED TO THE WEB SITE

The Mumma Surname DNA Project continues with great successes. 73 men have participated to date and hopefully more of you will decide to submit your DNA samples. This type of project is only successful with a large number of participants.

You can view/download & print the latest reports by going to <http://www.mumma.org/DNA.htm>. On this page you will now have an opportunity to decide which report you would like to view:

- 1) A summary report which leaves out some of the details of how the project was conducted, but contains the full data table and project highlights. <http://www.mumma.org/dna/MummaDNA67summary.html>
- 2) This report includes all information including details about how the project was conducted. It is a little more technical in areas. <http://www.mumma.org/dna/MummaDNA67.pdf>
- 3) This report is essentially the same report as #2 above, but in PDF format so it prints much better since all of the table formatting is correct. <http://www.mumma.org/dna/MummaDNA67.pdf>
- 4) If all you want is a copy of the data table, then download this file as it will nicely print out all of the data on 4 pages. <http://www.mumma.org/dna/MummaDNA67data.pdf>

Some project highlights include information about 30 new markers that FTDNA recently made available. Because our project has been used as a "benchmark" project for FTDNA (our testing company), I was offered the opportunity to have the DNA of 10 men analyzed for FREE at these 30 new markers, so I jumped at the chance. From the results so far, it does not appear that the additional markers will be significantly useful to the Mumma Surname Project. Few mutations were observed on markers 38 to 67. Fortunately we were lucky enough that “key” mutations were observed in the first 37 markers which allow us to determine whether a man descends from immigrant Leonard Mumma, immigrant Peter, or immigrant Jacob. Few projects have been this successful, but again it is due in no small part to the excellent participation of Mumma men. More participants means a better understanding of the DNA “signature” or “fingerprint” for the MOMMA/MUMMA families.

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/mumma> Our results on the FTDNA web site

http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=J26528&special=True Participant sign-up link

HAVE YOUR DNA TESTED AND ANALYZED FOR “FREE”

Now here is an opportunity you don't get every day! You can have your DNA analyzed for FREE! This can be done by providing your DNA to the Sorenson DNA public database. Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF) is doing worldwide sampling of men & women to analyze their DNA (both Y-chromosome & mtDNA) and correlate it with pedigree charts of the participants. This project was started about 6 years ago and it was then called the *Molecular Genealogy Research Project* which was a cooperative effort between BYU (Brigham Young University) and philanthropist James Sorenson. Many genealogical societies held gatherings where people could contribute their DNA to the project. At that time, they were drawing blood samples and that turned off many people from participating.

Now the name of the project has changed and a private laboratory is doing the DNA analysis for SMGF. In addition, they are not drawing blood anymore, but collecting DNA by having people use a mouth wash which you send back to them. Very painless. I chose not to participate in the project 6 years ago because they said they would not notify you when the results were placed in the database, it might take several years and you would not know which results were yours. Obviously at that time this was not a useful tool for the MUMMA Surname project since we wanted the results quickly. I couldn't wait for years.

I recently visited their web site, did a surname search for *MUMMA* and low and behold, up popped a MUMMA surname and DNA results. Since you can display the pedigree for the individual (living names are suppressed), it didn't take me long to figure out that these were the DNA results from one of the participants in the MUMMA Surname DNA project, **Harold “Hank” Muma**, a descendant of immigrant Peter. When I contacted him, he had even forgotten that he had participated in the project six years ago – a sure sign of old age!! 😊

You too might have interest in participating. It is *free* and you will be able to have your DNA analyzed, even if you are a woman, since they are also analyzing the mtDNA which is passed from a woman to her children. Unfortunately the Y-chromosome results will only be partially useful to the Mumma Surname Project. The SMGF is not analyzing the two “**key**” markers which the Mumma Surname DNA project uses to determine from which immigrant men descend. Other than that, the rest of the data is very useful and I would like to add it to our DNA knowledge database.

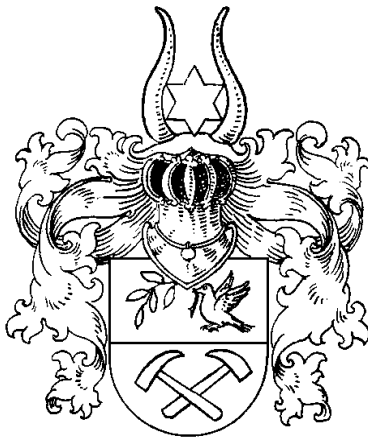
So, what does it involve? The best way to find out is to visit the SMGF web site and view a page with “Questions & Answers” about the project. <http://www.smgf.org/faqs.jsp> Their main page is where you can do a surname search. <http://www.smgf.org> From this page you can also request a DNA sample kit. They even pay the postage both ways. It doesn't get much cheaper or easier than this. I just recently sent in my own sample and am anxious to know how fast they post the results.

So, are there negatives issues? Well not many and it depends on your perspective.

- 1) You must provide them with a sample of your DNA for the y-chromosome and mtDNA analysis. In this case, they use a "mouth-wash", similar to Scope, to collect the DNA sample.
- 2) You must provide at least a 4 generation pedigree chart. These charts will be available for viewing along with your DNA results, but the names of all living people will be blocked out. Some of you might feel this is a privacy issue, but most of this information about you is already viewable in the MUMMA database. I will be happy to help any of you create such a pedigree chart. I sent them a GEDCOM file of my entire pedigree which contains 255 individuals and 11 generations. 4 generations is the minimum, but they will gladly accept more.

So, you might want to participate. After requesting a DNA sample kit, it arrives in a few days and you simply swish the mouth wash around for a minute, spit it back into the sample container and mail it back.

MOMMA COAT OF ARMS



**Volquin Momma
Kupfermeister 1650**

From time to time people ask about a *Coat of Arms* for the Mumma families. For everyone's interest. I created a web page which displays various *Coat of Arms* that I have come across or have been sent to me.

<http://www.mumma.org/archives/wappen/wappen.html>

The web page includes a brief description of *Coat of Arms* in general and specific details about the Momma *Coat of Arms*.

If you have any unusual or different Mumma *Coat of Arms* you would like to contribute to the collection, please photograph or scan them in high resolution and e-mail them to me. Should you have any further information about the original Momma coat of arms, I would be most interested in hearing about them.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A "MUMMA FAMILY REUNION"???

During "weak moments" I have entertained the thought of organizing a MUMMA family reunion, however it would take a lot of work, planning, support, and assistance from many of you. My tentative thoughts would be to hold it on a summer weekend in 2007 or 2008 in Lancaster, PA, the birthplace of the Mumma families in America. This would allow people with children time to schedule vacations around the date and people attending from out of town or state. Some schedule thoughts are:

Friday Evening - An informal, "no host" gathering where people register, meet "cousins", identify where they are from and get to know each other. This would be a great time to update everyone's genealogy, etc.

Saturday or part of Saturday - Hold working sessions or talks about a variety of Mumma family subjects, such as "*DNA testing of the Mumma Surname*", "*Origins of the Mumma families*", "*Identification of the various Mumma branches*" or other topics people might suggest. The topics are endless. An alternative would be to hold general genealogy classes/discussions.

Saturday Evening Banquet - This would be a "Pennsylvania Dutch" style buffet dinner which would include typical dishes our German forefathers may have eaten over 200+ years ago. Hopefully have a keynote speaker from the Lancaster County Historical Society or similar organization. They might give us some insight as to what life might have been like 200+ years ago for our ancestors. Also, this could be a time when special attendees, such as Robert "Bob" Moomaw and others could be introduced and/or recognition given to the descendants of particular immigrant branches.

Sunday (optional) - Some thoughts for Sunday could include an all day bus driving tour to visit some of the home sites and cemeteries of our ancestors in Lancaster and Dauphin counties. Alternate options include a walking tour of downtown Lancaster to visit places our ancestors went to market, to pray and where many of them were married. These tours would be guided by local docents for a nominal charge.

This reunion could be a great time to plan a fun family vacation and visit this historical region of Pennsylvania. Suggested sights of interest would of course include a visit to Philadelphia where our immigrant forefathers first arrived in America and signed their oaths in the Philadelphia courthouse. One could spend many days in this historic city. A trip to this region would not be complete without a visit to Gettysburg National Military Park and nearby "**Mummasburg**" which was founded in the early 1800's by **John Mumma**. For those who are Civil War buffs, a must visit would be to the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland and the **Mumma Farm** which was in the middle of the battle. These are, of course, only a few places which have **Mumma family** connections.

If you have interest in attending such a reunion, I would like to hear from you with your thoughts, suggestions, & recommendations. Volunteers for such an event would be needed. One hotel in Lancaster would be selected as "Reunion Central" where rooms would be available at "special reunion rates" and where the meetings would be held as well as the banquet. Of course there would be costs involved for the banquet and use of meeting rooms. I believe this would be a fun and worthwhile event where many of us could meet face to face, instead of by e-mail. If you might be interested in attending, let me know..

JOSEPH MUMMA MURDERED IN 1850 IN CUMBERLAND, MD

A few years ago I came across a brief mention of the murder of a Joseph Mumma in the History of Cumberland, Maryland. At that time I was unable to identify him or his family, so I laid it aside.

CUMBERLAND HISTORY - 1848 -

****4/24/1850-Joseph Mumma was shot and killed by August Beerman and Joseph Stick, both of whom fired upon him at the same instant. Mumma endeavored to enter the house of Mrs. Betzall, on the north end of Mechanic street when the two men named, who were inside, shot him. They were arrested and sent to jail on a charge of murder.****

****9/6/1850-At the same term of Court, November 1850, August Beerman was tried for the murder of Joseph Mumma, and acquitted.**

There were not enough details in this brief history to connect this Joseph Mumma to one of the branches of the family. After some recent searching, I was able to obtain full articles about the incident which were printed in the *Cumberland Alleganian*, the local newspaper at that time. I learned the following:

Joseph Mumma had been involved in an incident of stoning a house one evening with several other men. An August Beerman was in the house at that time. Then next evening, the night of the murder, Joseph Mumma came back the house alone and was "*under the influence of liquor*". Joseph "*manifested a determination to enter the house*", whereupon Mr. Beerman and Mr. Stick, shot Joseph Mumma dead. Joseph was described as an "*intemperate person*". [A word to the wise is don't drink & throw stones!]

The article further described Joseph as being "*young*" and "*a native of this place*". This description immediately ruled out my Joseph as he would have been 64 years old and was born in Lancaster, PA. So, who was this Joseph? An examination of the Mumma database reveals that there were some Mummias living in Cumberland, MD from before 1800 to about 1835. This was the family of Conrad Mumma and his brother, David. This branch later used the Mumaugh surname spelling. Conrad and David were sons of John Jacob Mumma, a son of immigrant Leonard Mumma. Most of these families migrated to Fairfield County Ohio, before 1820. However, from Conrad's 1837 estate documents we learn that "*heirs of his sons, Jacob and John, living in Cumberland County, MD*". This means his sons were deceased but their descendants remained in Cumberland. By the 1820 census, Jacob was deceased and his widows was left with a boy born between 1815-1820. This son would have been between 30-35 years old and considered to be a *young man born in Cumberland, MD*. Therefore, I strongly believe that the murdered Joseph Mumma was likely the only son of John Mumma.[2741] who died prior to 1820.

ORIGINAL MOMMA GENEALOGY AS PUBLISHED BY HERMANN FRIEDRICH MACCO IN 1907 (IN GERMAN)

If you would like to read the original Momma genealogy information published in German in 1907 by Hermann Friedrich Macco, the German genealogist, go to this site

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~mlcarl/Lit/Gen/MACCO/Wap2/index.htm>

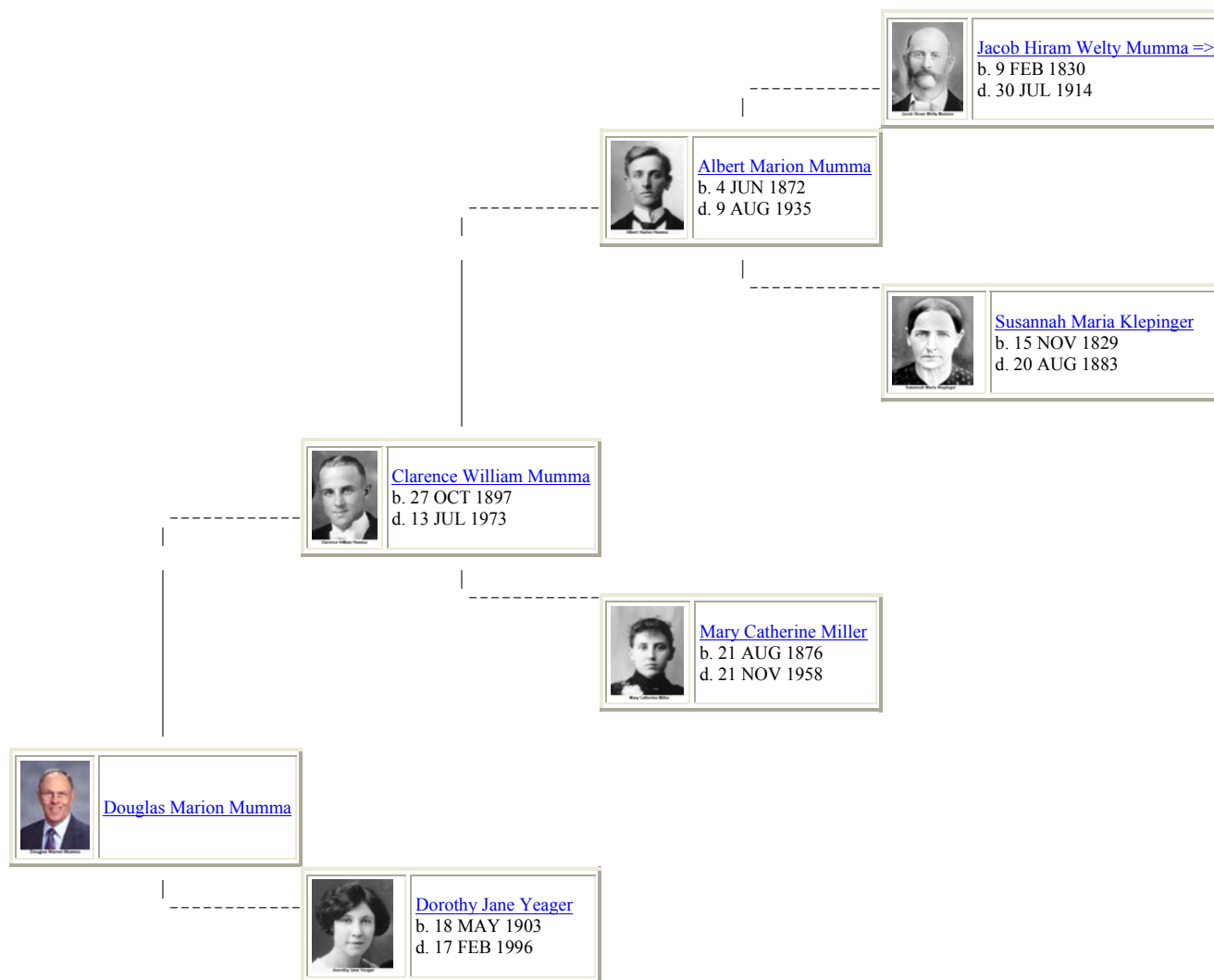
Many German researchers do not consider Macco to have been a careful researcher and his work is often considered to be "schlampig" (if you don't read German, and I don't, the word means "sloppy").

DATABASE STATUS

A new database was uploaded to the web site on September 13th and it has now increased to 68,629 individuals. Corrections and additions are being made on a regular basis and additional ones are welcomed. The URL is <http://www.mumma.org/databases/mumma/mumma.html>

Instructions on using the database can be viewed from a link on many database pages. Simply click on the blue revolving HELP - INSTRUCTIONS – INFORMATION button near the top of the pages or go to <http://www.mumma.org/databases/mumma/mumma-help.html>

There is now a “graphic” Tree format available for displaying pedigree and descendant charts. These include descendant images if available. You can also select how many generations you wish to display. I think you will find these interesting and informative. The coding for these charts was provided through the courtesy of Douglas A. Macdonald. I copied my pedigree from the database and pasted it below.



DATABASE TREE INFORMATION (Trunks, Branches & Twigs)
68629 people

Indiv's	Desc's	REF#	Top Person in a particular tree + notes
41529	25965	2	Leonard Mumma b. bet 1690-1700 (1732 Immigrant)
5235	3320	1	Jacob Mumma b. 1685-1690 (1731 Immigrant)
4269	2735	U21	Jacob Muma b. ABT. 1750 (Canadian Mumas)
3855	2465	4	Peter Mumma b. ~1721 (1748 immigrant) Lancaster, PA
2726	1538	E	? Momma (European Mommas abt 1490-1500 Aachen Germany)
1949	1136	U46	David Mumma b. ABT 1791 (Fulton/Franklin Co, PA)
1632	1010	U45	Christian Mummer b.~1770 (Moma, Moomau & Moomaugh)
1013	682	U7	David Muma b. ABT. 1760 (Mewmaw spelling) VA, IL, MO
797	501	U62	John Mumma b. 27 Nov 1750 Hempfield Twp & York Co. PA
532	311	U30	John (Frederick) Mumma b. BEF 1750 resided Cumberland Co.
324	234	U53	Jacob Mumma-Mumaw b. 1755-1760 - lived Fayette Co, PA
372	232	U57	Samuel Mumma b. 1822 Lykens, Dauphin Co., PA
283	192	U51	? Mummaugh b. BEF 1790 - resided Carroll Co., MD
238	139	U25	James B. Mumma b. 1841 (Burnt Cabins, Fulton Co., PA)
185	86	E2	Pieter Momma b. BEF 1649 in Nijmegen, Netherlands
120	78	U43	Henry Muma b 17 Mar 1787 Cocalico Twp, Lancaster Co.
95	52	U76	Elias Bertram Mumah b. 1830 Lancaster => OH => MI
86	38	U50	Samuel Mumma b.~1835 resided Womelsdorf, Berks Co, PA
77	55	U59	Solomon Mumma b. 1793 Cocalico Twp. & Schuylkill Co
71	45	U70	Samuel Mummaw b. 1801 resided Leacock Twp, Lancaster Co
55	29	U80	Jesse Mumaw b. 1817 resided Luzerne Co., PA
51	25	U67	Jacob Mumma/Mumau b. abt 1790 resided Cumberland Co., PA
44	22	U36	Barbara Mumma b. Sep 27, 1768 (m. Henry Strickler)
40	25	E3	Guilliam Momma b. ABT 1575 around Hamburg, Germany
35	21	U74	Jessie Nicholas Mumma Mar 1833 MD, resided Rocky Ridge MD
32	18	U98	Elizabeth Mumma, b. 1880, m. Samuel Fishborn Dauphin Co.
30	14	E4	Jakob Ernst Momma b. 1719 Stuttgart, Württemberg area
26	17	U82	Henry Mummaw b. 1854 PA, res Kulpmont Northumberland Co.
25	16	U78	Unknown Mumaw b. abt 1830 in Shenandoah Co., VA
24	11	U77	Jacob H. Mumma b. 1867 His kids in Dayton, OH orphanage
23	12	U56	Jacob Mumma b. 1816 PA, (moved to Clark Co., OH
21	14	U52	Solomon Mumma b. 1838 PA, resided Granville, IL
20	10	U71	Eli Mumaugh b. 1853 resided Van Wert Co., OH
19	14	U87	Peter Mummaw, b. 1852 resided Columbia, Lancaster Co
18	13	U83	Mary Magdalene Mumma b. 1746, marries J. Jacob Olinger
15	10	U75	Henry Mumma b. 1806 - resided in Adams Co., PA
15	10	U97	Mary Elizabeth Mumma, b. 1829, Washington Co, MD m. Rohrer
14	10	U84	Henry Mumma b. abt 1800 Germany, resided Strassburg, PA
13	5	U73	Christian Mumma Mar 1822 MD, buried Rocky Ridge, MD
12	7	U86	Unknown Moomaw/Muma - son Jesse Amos b. 1857 Stark Co., OH
11	6	U94	John D. Mumma, b. Apr 1866 in PA -> Ohio -> MI divorced
10	6	U93	Sarah Mumaw - son John F. Mumaw b. 1886 Shenandoah, VA
9	7	U90	Charles H. Mumaw, b. abt 1860, migrated Madison Co., IN
8	2	U85	Jacob E. Mumma b. 1869, resides Rapho/West Hempfield
6	2	U96	Solomon Mumma, b. 1826 MD, m. Hagerstown -> Pittsburg, PA
5	2	U91	Frederick Mumma b. 1807 Penn Twp, Lancaster Co. b. Prussia
2	0	U88	Henry Mumma, b. 1842 living w Walter Family 1850 W. Hempfield
2	0	U89	John Mumma m. Eliz. Hiestand 1826 Lancaster Reformed, died early
2	0	3	Johan Lorentz Momma d. 1752 (1747 Immigrant)
1	0	U48	Samuel M. Mumma b.~1799 d. Old Soldier's Home-Dayton OH
1	0	U68	Samuel Mumma b. 1844, tanner 1880 Lykens Twp. Dauphin Co
1	0	-	Richard Mumma b. 1820, Baltimore, MD

NOTE: Because of the large number of small MOMMA "twigs" in Europe, not all of them have been given a "U" number & included in the above statistics.

SURNAME FREQUENCY IN THE DATABASE

Mumma[4235], Moomaw[1984], Mumaw[1544], Muma[933], Momma[653], Mumau[335], Mumaugh[334], Moomau[229], Reenstierna[216], Mummaw[183], Mummah[138], Mewmaw[76], Moma[62], Mumah[57], Mummaugh[53], Moomaugh[31], Mughmaw[27], Reenstjerna[26], Mooma[6], Mummer [1]

PREVIOUS BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you or someone else has interest in reading previous Bulletins/Newsletters, they can be viewed or download from the MUMMA archives at <http://www.mumma.org/archives.html?#Bulletins>.

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