

The Mumma Graveyard

Antietam National Battlefield

Sharpsburg, Maryland



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The following information about the Mumma Cemetery, located on the property of the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD, has been gathered from the files of the Antietam NB research library, Virginia Mumma Hildebrand, Wilmer McKendree Mumma, NSDAR records of the Cemeteries of Washington County, MD, 1942 by Mrs. Warren Miller and my own personal research.

Doug Mumma, October 2005

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MUMMA FARM AND GRAVEYARD

[Written by Virginia Mumma Hildebrand in 1976]

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 – an examination of the genealogical records shows the oldest Mumma descendant buried in the cemetery is Barbara Mumma, b. abt. 1765. From the records I have examined, I conclude that she was an older sister of Jacob Mumma. Barbara married Joseph Sherrick after his first wife died. They had no children together]*

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.

[Note: This is page 38 reprinted from Wilmer M. Mumma's 1993 book entitled "Antietam, The Aftermath"]

THE MUMMA GRAVEYARD
OR
(MUMMA PRIVATE BURIAL GROUND)

To the rear of the Visitor's Center on the Antietam National Battlefield lies a beautiful little stone walled cemetery with a wrought iron gate. A part of the historic Mumma Farm, it is the burying grounds for the occupants of the farm and their descendants

It is not known exactly when it came into existence but it is known that it was owned by the Orndorffs, who migrated to Washington County in 1762. It was there then. When Christian Orndorff died on April 10, 1797, he was buried there. The farm then was known as "Anderson's Delight." and was sold to Jacob Mumma on July 26, 1811, including the private burial ground therein. On January 8th 1831 the farm was transferred to Samuel Mumma, Sr., Jacob's son, and his wife, Elizabeth Miller Mumma.

The oldest member of the Mumma family buried in this cemetery was Jacob Mumma, 1766-1848. *[Note by Doug Mumma: Wilmer was incorrect in this statement. Jacob's older sister, Barbara Mumma who married Jacob Sherick, was born in 1765.]*

Since Samuel Mumma, Sr. and his wife had already donated 100 perches more or less of land to the German Baptist congregation on which to erect a church (Dunker or Mumma's Church), on October 7, 1873 they deeded to Michael Miller and others land of 114 4/10 square perch of land called Mumma's Graveyard or Burial Ground for members of their church and their heirs for use upon all funeral occasions for the burial of their dead and free use of a private road to and from the lot herein conveyed.

The stone wall surrounding the cemetery was erected in 1873 after the burial ground was enlarged. It was not there at the time of the battle as some people think. When the grounds were enlarged, the fine iron gate was installed and a row of Poplar trees were planted on the south-east side. These beautiful Poplar trees stood as silent sentinels for the graveyard for many years or until their roots grew enlarged to the extent that they bulged and cracked the wall, at which time they were removed.

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Burials in the Mumma Cemetery

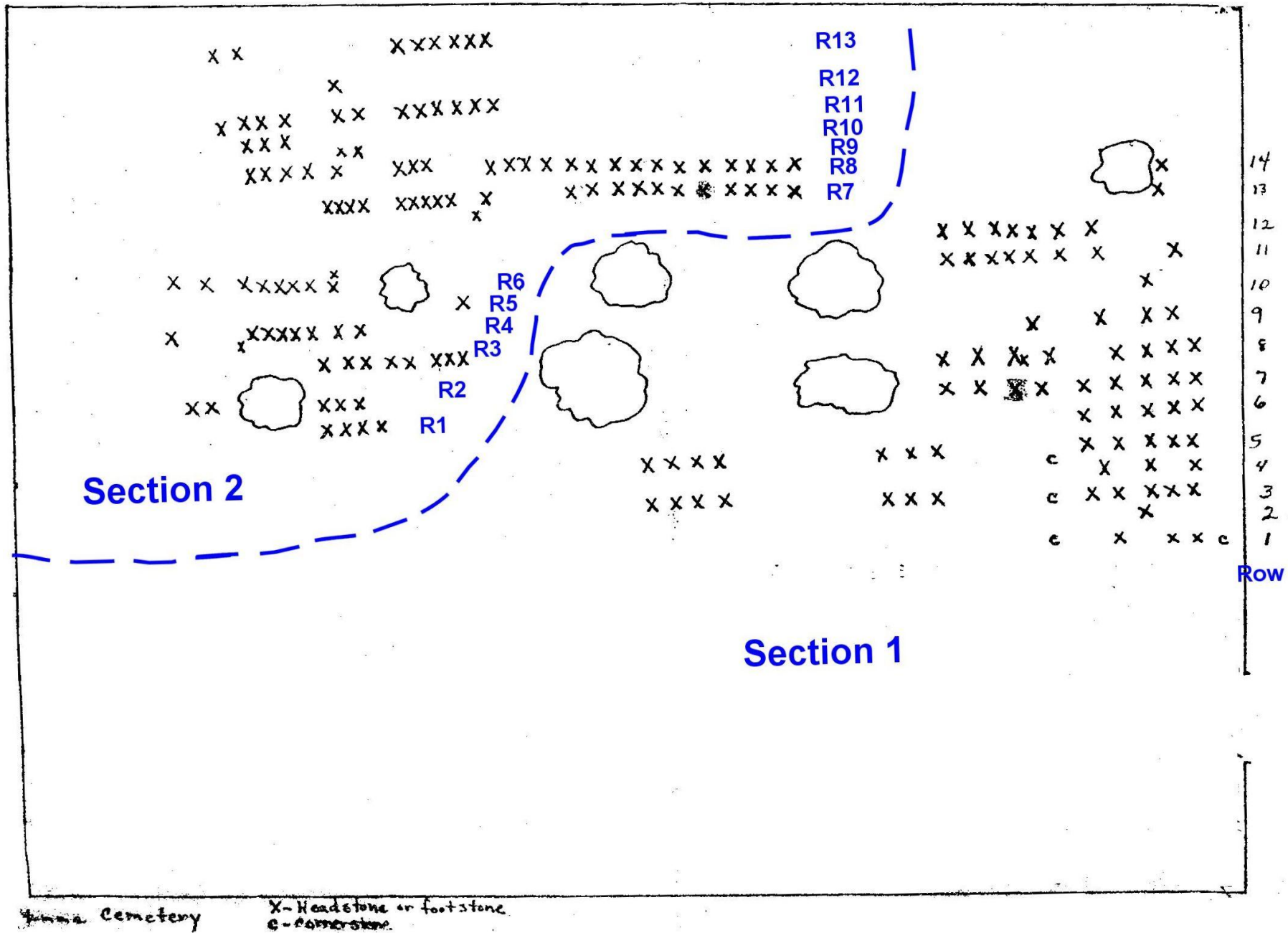
Note: This cemetery is no longer an active burial ground. The burial listings on this page are given in alphabetical order. The maiden names of wives are generally listed. The original listing of burials was recorded by Mrs. Warren D. Miller of the DAR in 1942. This was later updated by Samuel Webster Piper and published by the DAR as the "Washington County, Maryland, Cemetery Records, Volume 1". Additional burials since these publication were printed have been added. After the Battle of Antietam, two trenches of soldiers were buried in the Mumma Graveyard. They were later removed to the Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, MD. The first column marked "Sec-Row-Grave" refer to a numbering system created by Al Fiedler, Jr. in 1996 when he was doing a survey of the cemetery prior to a tombstone restoration project. Refer to the attached map which Al created and shared with me, along with his listing of the burial locations. It should serve as a helpful guide when trying to located a particular tombstone.

<u>Sec Row Grave</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Names</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
2-7-8 2-8-7	Avey	Catherine	Aug 14 1828	Sep 16 1868		wife of Samuel Avey
2-7-1 2-8-1	Avey	Emeline		Sep 21 1917	79y 6m 16d	wife of Samuel Avey
2-7-4 2-8-4	Avey	Herbert Franklin		Dec 14 1898	28d	
2-7-3 2-8-3	Avey	Josephine	Oct 22 1856	Dec 21 1910		dau of Samuel & Emeline Avey
2-7-2 2-8-2	Avey	Samuel		Oct 21 1911	22y 11m 11d	
2-7-9	Biser	John H.		May 22, 1864	11y 3m 9d	
	Corbett	John P.		Jul 14, 1872	26d	
	Corbett	Emma Kate		Sep 17 1875	4m 1d	dau of Abraham and Ann R. Corbett
	Corbett	Willie E.		Jul 25 1872	12d	
2-11-1 2-13-1	Ditto	Guy B,	Nov 3 1887	Nov 27 1943		
2-11-1 2-13-2	Ditto	Lucy C. Grayson	Mar 22 1880	Sep 10 1960		wife of Guy Ditto
2-7-12	Ecker	Elizabeth		Sep 17 1892	75y 7m 6d	wife of John Ecker
2-7-13 2-8-11	Ecker	John	Apr 21 1797	Feb 28 1875		
2-7-14 2-8-12	Ecker	Mary Magdaline		15 July 1852	54y 4m 5d	wife of John Ecker
2-7-15	Ecker	Sarah Ann		Jul 5 1853	29y 2m 13d	dau of John & Magdaline Ecker
1-3-10	Fisher	Mary Ann		Oct 10 1854	68y 9m 8d	
1-3-11	Fisher	Thomas	May 8 1821	Oct 4 1895		
1-3-12	Fisher	Rebecca		Feb 15 1900	74y 4m 6d	wife of Thomas S. Fisher
2-11-4 2-13-5	Grayson	Ann E.		Feb 7 1897	66y 4d	wife of John L Grayson
2-11-6 2-13-7	Grayson	Edward Lee		Feb 19 1925	66y 5m 1d	
2-11-3 2-13-4	Grayson	John L.		Jul 10 1881	50y 11m 8d	
2-11-5 2-13-6	Grayson	Saleane Moreland		Feb 22 1923	62y 7m 18d	
2-11-2 2-13-3	Hendricks	Emily W.	Sep 18 1835	Jul 21 1911		
2-7-18	Highbarger	Catharine		Apr 27 1852	46y 11m 29d	wife of Jacob Highbarger
2-7-19 2-8-13	Highbarger	Rev. Jacob		4 July 1877	72y 7d	

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2-7-17	Highbarger	Sarah	Mar27 1813	Apr 23 1887		sister of Jacob Highbarger
2-7-16	Highbarger	Willard E.		May 5 1860	1y 13d	son of Abner & Magdaline Highbarger
2-1-1 2-3-4	Hout	H. R. W.		May 7 1890	68y 2m 20d	
2-1-1 2-3-5	Hout	Urilla V Miller.	Nov 8 1834	Aug 27 1915		wife of R. H. Hout
1-3-6	Kennedy	Dr. Robert E.		Apr 15 1859	45y 6m 20d	
1-3-7	Kennedy	Susan	Nov 2 1814	Mar 25 1884		wife of Dr. Robert E. Kennedy
2-8-15 2-10-2	Middlekauff	Barbara E.		Dec 5 1862	19y 9m 25d	dau of John C & E. Middlekauff
2-8-16 2-10-3	Middlekauff	Catherine	May 7, 1844	Dec 17 1862	18y 7m 2d	dau of John C & E. Middlekauff
2-11-8 2-13-8	Middlekauff	George H.	Jan 15 1852	May 10 1870		
2-8-14 2-10-1	Middlekauff	John Christian		Jan 6 1863	57y 4m	
2-11-9 2-13-9	Middlekauff	Elizabeth Neikirk	Mar 27 1812	Aug 7 1880	68y 4m 11d	wife of John C. Middlekauff
2-3-8 2-4-1	Miller	Amanda H.		26 Feb 1900		Dau of John Miller
2-4-6 2-6-5	Miller	Ann Barbara		Jul 5 1872	57y 8m 26d	wife of Jacob F. Miller
2-3-7	Miller	Ann		Jul 9 1877	68y4d	wife of John Miller
2-7-6 2-8-6	Miller	Benjamin F.		Dec 15 1910	82y 4m 2d	
2-4-5	Miller	Catherine		Mar 5 1856	35y 6m 26d	
2-4-2 2-6-4	Miller	Catherine		30 Mar 1825	40y 1m 17d	wife of Daniel Miller
2-4-3 2-6-2	Miller	Daniel		Nov 16 1862	84y 2n 4d	
2-2-4	Miller	David S.		Nov 29 1872	62y 6m 11d	
2-2-2	Miller	Eleanor B.		Dec 14 1910		
	Miller	Elizabeth	Oct 29, 1791	Mar 3 1858		
	Miller	Elmer E.		Nov 13 1863	2y 2m 17d	son of Benjamin F. & Matilda Miller
2-4-7 2-4-8	Miller	Jacob F.		Nov 10 1891	85y 1m 7d	
2-3-6	Miller	John				
2-7-5 2-8-5	Miller	Matilda		Jun 3 1894	59y 2m 20d	wife of Benjamin F. Miller
	Miller	Martin S.		Aug 24 1858	2y 3m 7d	son of Michael & Christina Miller
2-3-1	Miller	Rebecca		6 Apr 1926		
2-2-5 2-4-4	Miller	Susannah	Jun 1 1825	Nov 8 1845		
1-5-3 1-6-3	Mumma	Allen Russell	Jan 20 1878	Jan 20 1878		
1-5-2 1-6-2	Mumma	Augusta Sophia Rohrbach		Feb 9 1883	45y 6mo 20d	
1-7-1 1-8-1	Mumma	Barbara Hoffman	1771	Oct 24 1854	83y	2 nd wife of Jacob Mumma, Sr.

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1-9-2	Mumma	Barbara Hertzler	1807	Jun 7 1833	26y 4m 15d	1 st wife of Samuel Mumma Sr.
1-2-1 1-3-5	Mumma	Bertha Alice	Jan 31 1875	Nov 14 1964		dau of Samuel & Frances Mumma
1-1-2 1-2-1	Mumma	Carrie Irene	Jan 24, 1872	Jul 31 1953		dau of Samuel & Frances Mumma
	Mumma	Catherine		Jun 27 1833	27y	dau/Samuel & Barbara Hertzler Mumma
1-13-1 1-14-1	Mumma	Catherine Amelia	Dec 19 1847	Nov 1 1849		dau. of Jacob & Ann Mumma
1-5-1 1-6-1	Mumma	Daniel S	July 12 1835	Nov 9 1892	56y	
1-5-5 1-6-5	Mumma	Elizabeth Miller	Nov 12 1815	Aug 25 1886	70y 9m 13d	wife of Samuel Mumma Sr.
1-7-3 1-8-3	Mumma	Elizabeth Hertzler	Oct 4 1764	Feb 23 1836		1 st wife of Jacob Mumma Sr.
1-3-2	Mumma	Frances E. Reichard	Nov 16 1844	Dec 6 1883		wife of Samuel Mumma Jr.
1-7-5 1-8-5	Mumma	George Washington	Feb 22 1829	Feb 5 1842		
	Mumma	Harriett		Dec 31 1885	85y	
1-2-1 1-3-4	Mumma	Helen Elizabeth	Nov 25 1873	May 18 1953		dau of Samuel & Frances Mumma
	Mumma	Infant son				son of Nathan & Elizabeth Mumma
1-7-2 1-8-2	Mumma	Jacob	Apr 9 1766	Sep 23 1848		<i>(Progenitor of this Mumma branch)</i>
1-7-4 1-8-4	Mumma	John	Dec 12 1787	Nov 25 1835		son of Jacob & Elizabeth Mumma
	Mumma	John Thornton		Mar 28 1830	10m 10d	son of Samuel Sr. & Barbara Mumma
1-3-8	Mumma	Mary E. Kennedy	Oct 1845	Jan 1902		2nd wife of Daniel S. Mumma
1-7-8 1-8-8	Mumma	Mary Snavely		Jan 30 1862	65y 7m 6d	wife of John Mumma
1-1-3 1-2-1	Mumma	Nancy Lavina	May 20 1877	Jun 25 1959		dau of Samuel & Frances Mumma
1-3-3	Mumma	Olivia		Oct 23 1881	9m 16d	dau. of Samuel Jr. & Frances Mumma
1-5-4 1-6-4	Mumma	Samuel, Sr.	Nov 8 1801	Dec 7 1878		
1-3-1	Mumma	Samuel, Jr.	Aug 27 1838	Nov 8 1925		son /Samuel & Elizabeth Miller Mumma
1-9-1	Mumma	Thomas Harris	March 19 1845	Oct 5 1845		son of Samuel Sr., & Elizabeth Mumma
1-1-1 1-2-1	Mumma	Wilmer	Nov 23 1867	5 Apr 1909		son of Samuel & Frances Mumma
	Newcomer	Barbara Sherrick		Dec 6 1835	41y	Dau of Joseph & Barbara Hertzler
2-7-10 2-8-9	Otto	David F.	1829	1915		
2-7-11 2-8-10	Otto	Elizabeth		Jun 9 1864	38y 6m 27d	wife of David Otto
	Otto	Elizabeth		Aug 21 1861	1y 12d	dau. of David & Elizabeth Otto
2-5-1	Otto	Eliza J.	Dec 23 1835	Jul 9 1919		

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2-9-1	Schlosser	Martha		Aug 1 1882	71y 7m 16d	wife of Simon Schlosser
2-9-2	Schlosser	Mary		Jun 9 1866	23y 8m 29d	daughter of Simon and Martha
2-4-9	Schnebley	Susan		Dec 23 1885	69y 6m 22d	wife of Daniel H. Schnebley
1-11-4 1-12-3	Sherrick	Barbara Hertzler	Dec 23 1766	5 Oct 1804		1 st wife of Joseph Sherrick Sr.
1-11-2 1-12-1	Sherrick	Barbara Mumma		Nov 14 1840	abt. 75y	2 nd wife of Joseph Sherrick Sr.
1-11-3 1-12-2	Sherrick	Joseph Sr.	1769	Mar 17 1846		
1-11-6 1-12-5	Sherrick	Jacob	2 Mar 1798	Aug 25 1857		
1-11-5 1-12-4	Sherrick	Joseph		Aug 10 1871	69y 8m 28d	
1-11-7 1-12-6	Sherrick	Sarah		Aug 25 1874	67y 7m 7d	wife of Joseph Sherrick
1-7-9 1-8-9	Smith	Mary E.		Aug 20 1863	23y 5m 29d	wife of Thomas Smith
2-4-10 2-6-6	Thomas	Ellen	Mar 27 1838	Jan 31 1923		wife of William H. Thomas
2-4-10 2-6-7	Thomas	William H.		Dec 25 1903	90y 4m 21d	
1-7-6 1-7-6	Wagoner	Rosannah T.		Jun 1 1851	15y 1m 22d	dau. of Samuel & Catherine Wagoner
2-1-3	Wyand	Ann Mary		Nov 28 1862	57y 4m 3d	wife of Joshua Wyand
2-1-2	Wyand	Elizabeth M.	Mar 13 1862		3mo 18d	dau of Joshua & Mary Wyand
	Wyand	Emma Kate		Nov 26 1862	3y 17d	
2-1-4	Wyand	Joshua		31 Mar 1890	65y 6m 3d	



This cemetery layout was provided to me in 1996 by Al Fiedler, Jr. who was working at the Antietam National Battlefield as a summer employee. He was making a survey of the cemetery and the grave locations. The graves were separated into 2 sections. Marker (headstone or footstone) row numbers were assigned as shown. Grave location numbers start nearest the row number. All of the Mummas and their descendants are buried in Section 1.