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# Moomaw Newsletter

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## From the Editor's Desk

The response to my effort to edit the Moomaw newsletter has been most gratifying. You have been most generous with contributions for printing and mailing. You have also sent good material from a variety of sources. By pooling our information, I am sure we can work out the answers to many of the questions we have.

### Corrections in the Fall 1983 Issue

Page 2 David Mumma's son Wilhelm was born 20 April 1780

Page 3 John Moomaw was born 2 March 1750

2211 Christain Moomaw d. 8 Oct. 1847 m. Catherine Snider  
b. 14 March 1775 d. 5 May 1864.

2219 Jacob Moomaw d. 14 Nov. 1836

221a Catherine Moomaw Sweitzer should not be included.

Page 4 should be headed Ross County Ohio Marriages.

## More on the Gross Karlback Records

Herr Alfred Hans Kuby, the speaker at the Pennsylvania Palatines to America meeting, checked the information I sent to him, basically what was in the last newsletter. He says that David Mumma's father-in-law, the schoolmaster of Gerolsheim, was first mentioned in the records there in 1760. Gertrude is not mentioned until her marriage to David in 1789; therefore Herr Kuby thinks she was born before 1760. Maria Magdalena Newman, wife of the schoolmaster died 30 April 1762, aged 38 (b ca. 1724). He married 28 Nov. 1763 Anna Cathrin Starck of Dahaim. She died 18 Feb. 1777 abt. 49 years old. He married 24 July 1781 Charlotte Weber, Heuchelheim. His report says there was no mention of Muma's in the Luthern records and "Alas the Reformed Church records for Gross Karlback before 1742 are lost! At the first page beginning in 1742 is found the marriage of Anna Cathrin Muma- the last mention of the name so far as I can see..

"Since it is a very rare name- not German sounding at all, I think that the father of the emigrant Leonard Muma was an immigrant from Switzerland. By the way Georg Anton is a combination of Christain names typical of Gross Karlback at that time."

I feel there must have been some connection either through Leonard or Julianna to this family. Why else would David have gone so far to get his third wife at his age?

# John Moomaw and Sophie Snider

Two articles about this house have appeared in the Scioto Gazette of Chillicothe Ohio. The first by E.S. Wenis April 2, 1937. He gave a good description of the building of the house.

In Sept 1941 Mrs. Murry told of the reunion held there. She gave a good description of the house.

## Upper Twin Residence. Built In Pioneer Days

### A Resident Of The Community Tells Of Recent Moomaw Reunion At Old Home

BY MRS. MITCHELL MURRAY

Family reunions have been the order of the day for the past several weeks as clans and family branches meet in annual conventions to renew acquaintances and take stock of past-year events. Most of these assemblies are conducted in parks, church yards and

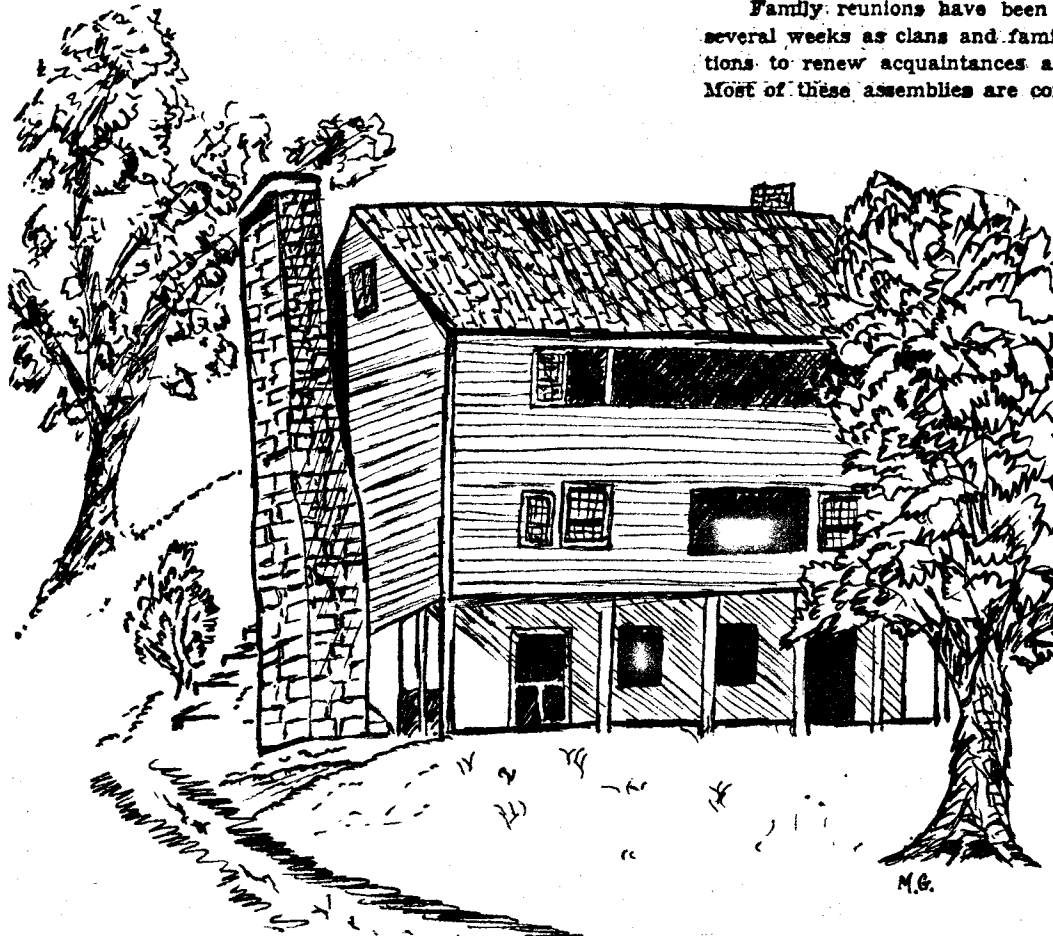
other public sites, but when the setting is in the old home from which most of the family forefathers sprang, the interest is deepened as traditions and history are recalled.

Such was the case on Sunday, Sept. 1, when for the second consecutive year, the home of Mr. John Poole on Upper Twin was the scene of the annual Moomaw reunion. The late Mrs. Poole was the great granddaughter of the pioneer John Moomaw who built the house in the early 1820's. This enterprising German settler not only built his own house but made the furniture for it. Some of this still is used by the family.

#### House Unique

The plan of the house is unique. The basement containing the kitchen and the storage cellar is of stone. The immense fireplace with its swinging crane, is one of the largest in this section of Ross county. The great chimney on the outside of the house covers a large part of the west end of the structure. The old dough trough, which stands in the kitchen, has been used through the years by succeeding generations of the Moomaw family for the process of preparing the bread for baking.

To reach the second story of the house a stairway leads up from the kitchen or you can walk up the hillside at the rear of the home and enter a door into the hall from which the second story rooms open. On this floor, as well as on the third story, there is a porch, enclosed on the ends. Including the spacious ground floor porch the front of the house presents a rather unusual three-storied open-air arrangement.



#### AN HISTORICAL HOME

In 1812, John Moomaw, picked up his belongings and made his way across the mountains via Virginia into Ohio and coming into Ross county he proceeded to travel up along Upper Twin creek and there he stopped and built himself a rude log cabin.

#### Built Log Shelter

This shelter was but a temporary affair, and he waited until he was in a position to build himself a real home.

When that time arrived, which was only a few months, he proceeded to fell the trees needed for his home. The framing timbers he selected were from yellow locust. They were felled and the logs squared and put into the structure with the pin and thole method. Later, he picked out straight clean limbed poplar trees and chopping them down he rived from these logs the weather boarding which covered the frame work.

The first year we held the reunion here Mrs. Pool showed us around the house.

I remember a few things not mentioned in either article.

Mrs. Pool showed us a room on the third floor where, at one time, they raised silk worms.

The barn had a large smooth floor on which they threshed the grain. This was where they held their church services. They were Brethern (Dunkers). In the Ross County Museum is the basin they used in the foot washing ceremony. It is made of a short log, cut in half and hollowed out, and mounted on short legs.

The house and barn are both ruins. The chimney fell down last winter.

The Muddy Creek Church records give- John son of John and Barbara Mumma b. 2 May 1776 bapt. 12 May His birth and death dates are both wrong in Kloefer He was still alive in 1850 but died before Sophie died Sept, 1860 aged 78 yrs. 5 mos. 14 da.

# Frederick son of Jacob

Jacob Mumma was the first of the name that we have a record of arriving in this country. He arrived in Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania Merchant, Sept. 1731 with three children under 14. Jacob, Margaret and Frederick.

I have copies of two handwritten sheets from the files of the Lancaster County Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster Pa. It is not clear who wrote them or when. It says in part.

"Copied Aug 1856 From a small book Uncle John Mumma has-  
"Family records of grandfather and his offsprings to the present time. Frederick Mumma was born in Germany, came to America young, died February 8, 1814 and was 84 years of age. His wife, Fronica, her maiden name was Nolt, died in 1807. They had nine children.- John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Aney (Amy), Christian, Barbara, Jonas, David, and Mary. These came to maturity."

If Frederick was 84 in 1814 he would have been born in 1730. Just one year before the voyage. Why did Jacob arrive alone with three such young children?

Jacob died intestate in Lancaster County in 1748.

Frederick left a will. It is recorded in Will book, K Vol. 1, p. 519

The list of the children of Fredreick would appear to be in birth order, and since there is so little in Kloefer on this family I will use the order in this list to number the children of Frederick.

In these notes we find that 137 Jonas was born 1752 and died 1851 and for 133 Jacob a speculated birthdate of Ca. 1760, and it says his will was probated May 19, 1827. It is not in the Index to Lancaster CC. Wills. Where was it probated? Kloefer gives b. 1762 d. 1827 Donegal twp Could he have been over the line in Dalphin Co?

The rest of these notes deal with Jonas the son of 133 Jacob.

Is this the John of the above list of children of Frederick?

## John Mumma and Barbara Bower

Charles Appler

John Mumma b. 27 Nov. 1750 presumably Lancaster Co. d 2 April 1839  
York Co bur. Flickinger's or Mumma's Burial Ground.

m. Barbara Bower b. 15 Jan. 1755 d. 8 July 1832 d/o Nicholas  
and Elizabeth Bower of Hempfield twp.

Children as revealed by his will on file in York Co. Book S p. 34

John Mumma

Abraham Mumma

Samuel Mumma b. 18 Oct 1795 d. 23 Sept. 1885

m. Barbara Bear b. 18 Aug. 1797 d. 18 Feb. 1875

Jacob B. Mumma b. 17 Apr. 1819 d. 5 Feb. 1893

Samuel B. Mumma b. 5 Feb. 1821 d. 8 Dec. 1891

All buried  
Mumma's Burial  
Ground  
Hanover Pa.

Mary Mumma

d. 1858 m. Rev. Abraham Roth

d. 1854

Jonas Roth b. 1800 d. 1878 m. Barbara Kauffman

d. 1884

Samuel Roth

Daniel Roth

Elizabeth Roth

Susan Roth

Maria B. Roth

Barbara Mumma b. 1784 d. 1855 m. Jacob Hershey b. 1778 d. 1847

John M Hershey 1811-1888 m. Nancy Sprinkle 1813-1870 2 children.

Andrew Hershey b. 1817 m. Magdalena b. 1818 4 "

Jacob M. Hershey 1819-1904 m. Barbara Brubaker 1821-1868 8 "

Samuel M. Hershey b. 1821 m. Anna Mary Wolf 4 "

Mary Hershey m. John L. Bear

Nancy Hershey m. George Sprinkle

Elizabeth Hershey m. David Martin

Susanna Hershey m. Bear 7

Anna Mumma b. 22 Sept. 1776 d. 3 Sept 1830  
     m. Daniel Sprinkle b. 3 Aug. 1772 d. 13 Sept. 1849  
     Susana Sprinkle m. Joseph J. Kauffman  
     Nancy Sprinkle 1812-1898 m. Jacob M. Bollinger 1807-1886  
     John Sprinkle m. Lydia Landes  
     Henry Sprinkle died young  
     Daniel Sprinkle " " "  
     Mary Sprinkle m. Daniel Graybill  
 Elizabeth Mumma b. 25 Oct. 1779 d. 27 Nov. 1827  
     m. Christian Hershey b. 31 Dec. 1777 d. 6 Jan 1848  
 Susanna Mumma d. 1813  
     m. Jacob Flickinger 1775-1841  
     John Flickinger 1816- 1889 m. Nancy Bowman  
     Samuel Flickinger 1809-1879 m. Nancy Stauffer  
     Catherine Flickinger b. 13 May 1838 d. 2 June 1916 1  
         m. Benjamin Firestone b. 19 Nov. 1831 d. 8 May 1904  
     Elmer S. Firestone 1864-1925  
     Robert J Firestone 1873-  
     Harvey S. Firestone B. 20 Dec 1868 m. 1874 Isabelle Smith  
         Founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

1. The Thorman Family History Vol. II Austina J. Thorman

## *The Ranck Breakthrough*

While reading a friends copy of the Muddy Creek Church Records I noticed that two of the children of John and Barbara Mumma had Phillip and Magdalena Ranck as sponsors. That weekend my friend went to a Genealogy meeting and met someone working on the Rancks, brought me her name and adress. Her reply confirmed that John Moomaw married Barbara Ranck. She also told me that the Ranck family have a reunion each summer. They publish a newsletter and have published a book.

The book is out of print but is being reprinted. As soon as I get it I hope to have more information on Barbara's ancestors.

The newsletter (contribution ) and the book (\$10.00 plus \$1.00 Post age can be ordered from Ezra H. Ranck 6-H Harvestview South, Mount Joy, PA 17552

## *Spelling Changes*

" The question is often asked, " Why did they change the spelling of their name?" There are several explanations. My grandfather once said it was to get people to pronounce it the way they wanted it pronounced, And the reverse is also true, other people spelled it the way they heard it. We must remember that in the Colonial Period the German immigrants lived in a bi-lingual society, and some letters are pronounced differently in English and in German. They had little or no schooling and proper spelling was not as important to them as it is to us.

Then too there is the proplem of poor handwriting. All documents were handwritten, and someone copying and indexing years later and not familiar with the name could miscopy. Especially when dealing with records someone else wrote, we should not be too concerned about spelling.

Also sometimes one branch of a family would use a varient spelling to distinguish their branch form others.

## *Augusta County Va.*

21 April 1790- Christian Mummer m. Betsy Haup dau. Rudolph Haupt.  
 9 Jan 1790 Christian Mummer -member Stanton Fire Company  
 1793 -tax assesor reports Christian Mummer -gone to Amherst.

# John Moma and Mary Magdaline Benner

Helen Smith Seay

John Houp Moma was born August, 1797, in Augusta County, Virginia. It is not known just when he came to Ohio. He married Mary Magdaline Benner June 21, 1821 in Ross County, Ohio. The marriage records reads JOHN MOOMAW and MAGDALEN BENNER. No parents names are given. It is not known when or why the name became Moma. In 1840 the the Buckskin Church records show the family as being Moma's

John H. was a tanner by trade and followed that trade for a number of years in Ohio, becoming one of the well-to-do business men of the community. He later met with financial reverses and when he came to Illinois in 1859 his possessions consisted of thirty dollars.

They settled first in Ford County Illinois. Mary died August 13, 1859 and is burried in Saybrook Cemetery. He then moved to Piatt Co. where he took up farming and became a sucessful farmer. He died in Piatte County August 4, 1885, at the age of 87 and is burried in the Bement Cemetery.

All the children of John and Mary were born in Ohio.

1. Mary Elizabeth d. May 12, 18
2. Maria Ann b. Feb. 25, 1825 m. 17 Feb. 1842 Noble Crawford  
Mary Elizabeth Crawford b. 7 April 1846  
William Stuart Crawford b. 17 Sept. 1848 d. 2 March 1872  
John Stuart Crawford b. 24 May 1850  
Sarah Jane Crawford b. 4 Nov. 1851 d. 14 Oct. 1853  
Laura Ann Crawford b. 12 Sept 1854 d. 26 Oct 1854  
Josephine America Crawford b. 23 Nov. 1855  
Ollie Eugenia 14 Feb. 1857  
Elvis Lillian Crawford 1 March 1859  
Ida Florence Crawford b. 14 Sept. 1862  
Effie Crawford b. 2 Aug. 1870
3. Austin B. b. May 13, 1827 d. Jan. 8 1855
4. Sarah Jane b. ca 1830 m. 11 Nov 1847 John W. Clagget
5. Francis Catherin b. Aug 10, 1834 m. 7 March 1858 William C. Woods
6. Carolyn Houp b. March 10, 1838 m. William Metz  
Sara B. Metz m. Haines  
Nancy Maria Metz  
William Metz
7. Hugh Milton b. 17 Jan 1849 d. Nov. 19 in Ky , soilder Civil War.
8. Dorothea B. b. Sept 10, 1843 m. Abraham Hayes  
Ella Hayes, Arthur Hayes, Eva Hayes all died in infancy  
Ida Hayes m. Willis McKean in Piatt Co. IL.
9. William Dickey b. Sept. 30, 1846 m. Catherine Peoples 1845-1886  
Sarah F. 1867-1843  
John A. 1868-1927 m. Lydia L. 1869-1923  
Charles F. 1870-187-  
Fannie 1873-1958  
Nellie E 1877-1877  
Willie M. 1882-1886

Ref. History of Piatte Co Illinois Biographical Sketches.  
Mistory of Macon County  
Marriage Records of Piatte Co. Il and Ross Co. OH.  
Pension Papers of Milton Moma

Ed. note. The children of Maria Mooma Crawford were added from Bible Records of Noble Crawford Sr. Those of William D. Moma from Bement Cemetery records copied by Donna Hoffman.  
Who was Samuel C Moomaw who married in Ross Co., Mary Crawford sister of Noble M Crawford? Could he have been a brother? I also think that Farances who m. John H. Wilson may belong in this family.

## Henry Warner Kloepfer

It was with a great sense of loss that we learned ,at the Moomaw-Beath Reunion, of the death of Dr. H. Warner Kloepfer, 27 March 1982.

Henry Warner Kloepfer was born 25 Feb. 1913, Roseville Ohio, the son of John A. Kloepfer and Mary Grace Ivett. He grew up on a poor hill farm, attended a one room school about a mile from his fathers farm. To attend Rosevill High School he walked cross country 5-6 miles. He played football, basketball, and baseball, and finished in three years.

In 1934 he graduated from Ohio Univercity with a BS in mathematics. A year later he received a BA from Muskingum College in phylosophy and religoin. He was able to finance his entire college education by working for the B.B. Kirkbride Bible Company.

He married Ruth McCoy in 1936. They had four children. IN 1938 he received a Masters Degree in socology and in 1942 a Ph Dinthe new field of human medical genetics. His thesis was entitled The Mapping of Human Chromosones.

Dr. Kloepfer served on the Dakota Wesleyan Faculty as Professor o of Biology and Head of that department. He was also Coordinator of their School of Nursing. From 1946 to 1947 he was Academic Dean, and Dean of Men , at the College of Emporia, and from 1947 to 1952 he was Academic Dean at the College of the Czarks.

In 1952 he was appointed to the faculty of Tulane University School of Medicine, in New Orleans. He remained on the Tulane faculty until his death, serving as associate profesor and concentrating on research in humangenetics. The last ten years he was involved in the collection of extensive data on twins.

He was director of the genetic counselling service at Tulane. At the time it was founded , it was one of only twelve such services in the country. He was active in many scientific societies, and was a founding member of the International Society of Twin Studies, and the Internati onal Dermatoglyphics Association. He held offices in the American Society of Human Genetics And the American Genetic Society. He parti- pated in many symposiums and congresses in thas country and abroad.

Extra curricular activities included serving on the board of the Ne New Orleans Council on Race Relations and the New Orleans Genealogical Society, and the American Friends Service committee. He was Treasurer of the South Central Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dr. Kloepfer took time from his busy professional duties to research the family of his grandmother , Catherin Moomaw. He was responsible for collecting and organizing the material in the Moomaw- Muma Genealogy in 1965. He had planned a more complete edition; but because of the pressure of his work , he was forced to give it up.

WE are honored to call him "cousin" and will try to carry on the work he started for us.