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From the Editor's Desk

This summer as I drove from Philadelphia to Lancaster County I wondered how our immigrant ancestors made that trip. At that time there was only a narrow Indian trail, suitable only for foot of horseback travel. The Kings High Road was not laid out until 1733. We know that Leonard's family was somewhere near New Holland by then as his daughter Margaret was baptised there in Nov.

I found the Muddy Creek Church and the old Grave Yard where Leonard and Juliana are probably buried. There are many very old red sandstone markers with interesting carvings of quarter moons, cherubs, lilies, and other symbols unfortunately the inscriptions have been completely erased by time. The inscriptions on later stones were mostly in German until about 1850, which shows that the German language was used long after they came to Pennsylvania.

I spent one day at the Mennonite Historical Society Library 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster. there I found a good collection of material on the family, especially on the branches that joined the Mennonite Church.

Another day was spent in Harrisburg at the State archives and at the State library. The land records proved to be most interesting



Clues From Land Records

For the immigrant coming into Pennsylvania the first step in getting land was to obtain a warrant from the Proprietary Land Office. He then had the land surveyed. After he had met certain requirements he Applied for and received a Patent to the land. Many times the patents were not issued until the warrentee was ready to sell or his estate was being settled.

The surveys and patents are in the records of the Land Office in the State Archives in Harrisburg, Pa. They are indexed by county. I was short of time and only searched the Lancaster County warantee index. I did happen on to one Muma as a Patentee This is what I found.

No.	Warantee	Location	Date of Warrant	Date of Return	acres	Patentee	Patent Vol	no page	Survey book page
45	Momart, Leonard	Robeson	23 May 1737	2 Nov. 1754	194	David Edwards	A 16	460	C107 266
337	Mumma, Leonard	Earl	30 Mar. 1744	28 Apr. 1788	228	John Shirk	P 13	204	C144 79
488	Mumma, Jacob		23 Aug. 1746	6 Dec. 1771	184	John Heisey	AA 11	616	
416	Mummer, George	Hempfield	9 May 1748	10 May 1748	175	George Mummer	A 13	397	M 305
664	Mummer, George	Hempfield	19 Apr. 1751	4 Oct. 1762	79	George Mummer	AA 4	425	C132 113
753	Mummer, David	Hempfield	3 Apr. 1754	23 Apr. 1755	107	David Mummer	A 9	130	
	Ramsay, Samuel	Donegal	18 Feb. 1768	6 May. 1772	162	Jacob Mumma	AA 13	105	C176 63

The warrent 488 to Jacob Mumma was on Quittaphitta Cr. no Twp was given, but would be what is now Lebonon County. This could be either 1Jacob or 11Jacob.

Leonard did not fulfil the requirements of warrent no. 45 and it was reissued to Edwards. Robeson Twp is now in Berks. Apparently Leonard decided

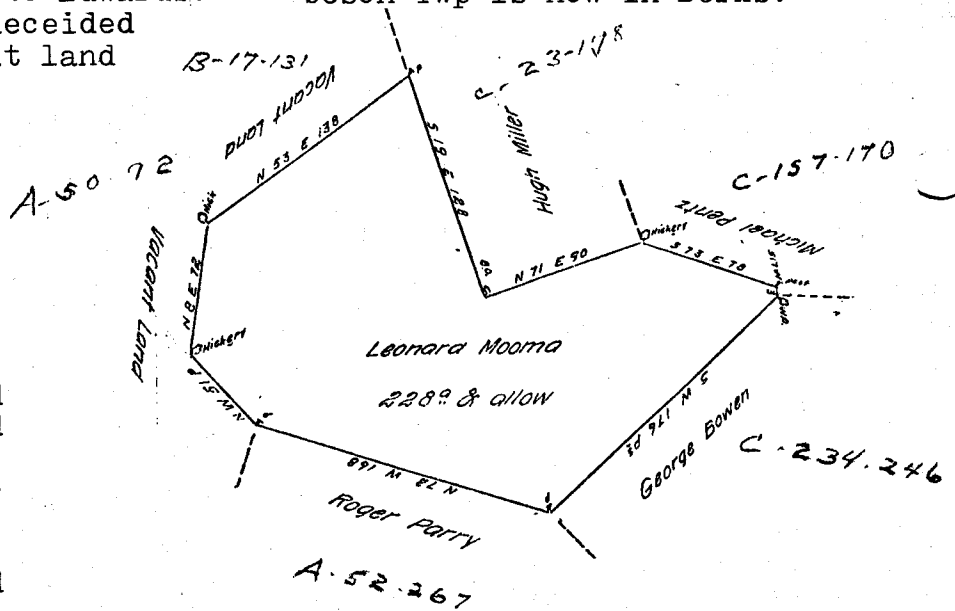
not to settle on that land and received another warrent in Earl twp. where he lived until his death in 1770. He is replaced on the tax lists for a few years by his son Jacob. Where did he go?

George and David who got warrents and patents in Hempfield are sons of Leonard. Deed records in Lancaster County show that David went to Maryland as the deed says David and Ann Mumma of Baltimore County Maryland to John Mumma of Hempfield, twp.

Who is this John? George apparently lived on his until he died in 1785. In his will he mentions land "patened to Me" as well as tracts he had purchased,

This line, especially that of his son George who went to Westmoreland Co. Pa., and whoes descendent moved on to northern Ohio, has been carefully researched by Richard Glenn Huffman. His book Genealogy of the George Mumma Family of Westmoreland Co, Pa. 1732-

1971 may be purchased for \$21.30 including tax and postage, from Richard Glenn Huffman, P.O. Box 10. Whitmey Pa. 15693



By virtue of a warrant dated thirtieth day of March Anno Domini 1744 Surveyed on the 11th day of the 4th mo 1744 unto Leonard Mooma the above described tract of land situate in Earl Township in the County of Lancaster N^o 337

Benja Lightfoot

Occasionally a deed will give much valuable genealogical information. This deed is such a good example of what can be learned from a careful study on land records that I have copied it almost verbatim, leaving out only some of the legal repetitions.

John Mumma) TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME
to)
Barbara Poorman } John Mummer of Cocalico Township in the County
of Lancaster Yoeman SENDS GREETINGS.

WHEREAS by a certain Warrent from the Proprietary Land Office there was surveyed unto Nicholas Zimmerman in his lifetime

A CERTAIN Tract of land situate in Cocalico Township in the County of Lancaster. CONTAINING Two Hundred & Seventy five acres & the usual Allowences for roads & the said Nicholas died intestate seised thereof leaving issue two daughters Barbara who intermarried with Paul Poorman of the Township and County aforesaid & Margaret who intermarried with Christian Mummer late of Earl Township in the aforesaid County. Which Christian and Margaret died intestate leaving issue the aforesaid John Mummer.

And WHEREAS in the Minority of the said John an equal division was made of the said Tract between the said Paul Poorman & Barbara his wife & the said John Mummer the legal representative of the aforesaid Margaret Zimmerman deceased by & with the consent of Leonard Mummer & Michael Wise, Guardians over the estate of the same John Mummer, which said division it is now agreed shall be ratified and confirmed, the said John having arrived at full age.

NOW KNOW YE That in Pursuance of the said Divison & Agreement & in consideration of the sum of Five Shillings to the said John Mummer in hand paid by the said Barbara Poorman, the said John Mummer hath granted, bargained and sold unto the said Barbara Poorman her Heirs and assigns

ALL THAT CERTAIN Tract of Land (Being one Moiety of the aforesaid tract divided as aforesaid):

SUBJECT TO THE Payment of the Proportionable Part of the Purchase Money Interest & Quit Rent now due or hereafter to become due for the Premises to the Chief Lord or Lords of the Fee thereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF THE Said John Mummer hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the Tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy three.

John Mumma (seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of

J. Yeates, J. Ewing

Book GG p 550 This deed sent to me by Clyde Groff, Lancaster Pa.

John Mumma was taxed in Earl Township in 1880 and he had children baptised in Muddy Creek Reformed church (see vol 1 p3) HE seems to have left Pa about the time his grandfathers land was patened by John Shirk. Could this also have been about the time of Julianna's death?

We next find John in Bottetourt County Virginia. I have not been able to search land records there. Does anyone have any land records for Virginia that might help to clear up some of the Virginia lines.

To help keep the many unattached lines straight I will give each a designation using the first letter of the first name and the place where they live. Thus Frederick Moomau of Pendleton County becomes fp and his children fp1, fp2 etc.

Frederick Moomau, a hatter, settled in Franklin, Pendleton County, (West) Virginia about 1820. His wife was Catharine Johnson, who was born April 1, 1796 and died July 5, 1845.

Their son John B. Moomau was born at Franklin on May 1, 1821 and died at Charlottesville, Virginia on June 24, 1864. He married Hannah H. Dice, daughter of John and Mary (Hinkle) Dice.

John B. Moomau graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1845 and practiced law at Franklin. He organized and commanded the Franklin Guards, a volunteer company of militia, in 1859. In May 1861 Captain Moomau and his company marched off to join the Confederate forces. In 1862 he became Captain of C Company, 62nd Virginia Volunteers. He was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Pendleton County in 1863, but evidently continued on active military duty until his death. The family took refuge in Staunton, Virginia from the continual raids and counter raids around Franklin.

The Pendleton County Court gave this tribute to Captain Moomau, "An able, efficient, and patriotic officer. a high-minded and chivalrous gentleman, and an agreeable, fair, and courteous practitioner."

- fp1 1 John B. Moomau (see above)
- fp11 1 Dice Moomau 1849-1907 wagonmaker
- fp12 2 William B. Moomau 1850-1896
- fp13 3 Walter Scott Moomau 17 July 1851 Franklin, Va. d 26 Jul 1932 m Abby Leivatt
- fp131 1 Fred Victor C. Moomau b 4 Apr. 1876 Hammond, Ill. d 14 Apr. 1950 Medicine Lodge Ks. m Susan Heacock
- fp1311 1 Nora Lee Moomau b 10 May 1898 Medicine Lodge Ks. m George Sylvester Hogan
- fp13111 1 Carl W Hogan m Lena Hart
- fp131111 1 Sandra Hogan m Pugh²
- fp14 4 Mollie Moomau m Milton Swink of Rockbridge Co., Va
- fp15 5 Catharine Moomau
- fp16 6 Elizabeth Moomau m L.A. Orndorff of Shenandoah Co., Va.
- fp17 7 Points Moomau died in childhood.
- fp18 8 Frederick, M.D., m Ettie Johnson. Physician Franklin, W.V.
- fp181 1 Glenn Moomau
- fp182 2 Lynn Moomau (living in 1910)
- fp2 2 Mary Jane Moomau b 1823, m William McCoy
- fp3 3 Caroline H. Moomau m John W. Gilmore, went to Texas
- fp4 4 Jacob Moomau b 1827 died on active duty with Co. E 25th Virginia Volunteers in 1861.
- fp5 5 George W. Moomau m Kate Baker of Grant Co., W. Va.. She was the daughter of Eli W. and Frances Baker.
- fp6 6 Catharine J. Moomau.
- fp7 7 Samuel J. Moomau b 1834 went to California.
- fp8 8 James P. Moomau, M.D. b 1837 m Nancy J, Arbogast. Physician in Pocahontas Co., W. Va.

1 Oren F. Morton, A History of Pendleton County, West Virginia (Franklin, W. Va., 1910 reprinted Baltimore, Md. 1980) pp. 264, 406, 421

2 Sandra Pugh, 7200 N. Monroe, Hutchinson, Ks 67502