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# Using Inventories

One of the best ways to get to know our ancestors is to study their inventories. Through their possessions we get a glimpse of the way our ancestors lived, what kind of work they did, and even sometimes what they ate. Let us take a look at some of the inventories of the early Mommans

### Lorentz Momma

Very little is known about Lorentz. He arrived on the ship Two Brothers 13th Oct, 1747. This ship did not list the women and children, so we do not know what family came with him.

He was on the tax list of Earl Township in 1750. When he died intestate in 1754 he left a brother and a wife and children, but we do not know their names. From his inventory we see how much he had accumulated in the seven years since his arrival in America.

Inventory of all & singular the goods and chattles of Lorentz Muma deceased.  
 Praised the 6th day of March Anno Domini 1752.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
First to his wearing apparel & riding horse at	15	0	0	Pewter Wears at	1	10	0
Horses and Mares at	15	0	0	Iron Kettles, Potts Panns	3	0	3
Horned Cattles at	15	0	0	Hoop Wears at	2	8	9
Wagon Plowes & Horse Gears at	6	0	0	2 Hakles	0	15	0
Sheep at	1	10	0	a gun at	0	10	0
Windmill & Cutter box at	1	0	0	Bed and bedslats at	3	10	0
Grains at	8	11	3	a cupart & Trashur at	1	9	0
Bags at	0	10	0	Bed Cloth at	1	6	0
Spinen Wheels at	0	12	6	Chests, tables & chears at	0	15	0
Dow Drauch & Sieves at	0	4	6	a lattren & Stilyard at	0	5	0
Woman Sadle & a Whiten Cart	0	7	6	Swines at	1	5	0
Saws and Vices at	0	7	6	A note	9	5	0
Grind Stone at	0	5	0	A note	8	0	0
Sundry Iron Tools at	1	18	6	The Estate indebted the			
				sum of	80	3	1

Praised by the subscribers: Henry Neave, Joseph Shirk, Jacob Shally & Christian Carter

2 Leonard Mumma

Leonard Mumma, the immigrant, died in June or July 1770 intestate, leaving Julianna his widow. She relinquished her right to administer the estate to George Mumma the oldest son

From the Earl Township assessment lists it appears that in 1758 Leonard Mumma retired and turned his farm over to Jacob, his oldest son still at home. Leonard appears on the 1757 tax list, but in 1758 and 1759 he is replaced by Jacob, who would have been 21 in Dec. 1757. The assessments lists are missing for 1760-1768. Sometime in this period Jacob relinquished the farm to his younger brother Leonard, who came of age in in 1763.<sup>1</sup> It is uncertain what became of this Jacob. Leonard Jr. remained on the tax lists of Earl twp. from 1769 to 1773 when he bought land in Brecknock twp. In 1767 he replaces his father as guardian of John Mumma, the orphan son of his brother Christian. This may indicate that Leonard had become incapacitated about this time.

When Leonard died in 1770 he had been retired from farming for about 13 years. Most of his estate consisted of bonds due from Leonard Jr.

Even though this inventory is very short there are are some hints that Leonard may have been a cooper. Perhaps after he turned the farming over to the boys he worked at the cooper's trade for some years.

A just and true inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of Leonard Muma Seiner of Earl Township in the county of Lancaster Letely Decased. Made the 30th day of September 1770

	£	s	d		£	s	d
A cow and bell	3	15	0	Severel Books	1	6	
Two sheeps		13	0	Eardenware	2	0	
Two Shwein (hogs)	1			A Shoo Traq	1	6	
Chetshen Fernes ?	1	14	0	Ax and two splits (wedges)	3	5	
5 shards		10	0	A table	1	0	
3 cooper's chests		15	0	Two hogseids and two bails	12	0	
4 olt backs (old books)		4		In cash	7		
The clos		10					
				A Noth (note) of Leonard Muma Junior	2	5	0
				Six bands (bonds) of Leonard Muma Junior	150	0	0
				Total inventory	169	7	0

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11 Jacob Mumma

Jacob Mumma was under 16 when he arrived with his father, his sister Margaret and brother Frederick. He married first Ann Grittor/ Kreider the daughter of Michael. This accounts for his being the uncle of the children of John Jacob Crider in 1747. So we know they were married before 1747. She was still alive in 1754, but she had died before 1765 when Jacob relinquished any rights in the inheritance of Michael the nephew.<sup>2</sup>

Lancaster deed records show a Jacob with a wife Elizabeth in 1762, but this could be a different Jacob, possibly his son who is mentioned in his fathers will as the oldest.

When Jacob wrote his will in 1791 his wife was Catherine, who was first mentioned in deeds in 1770. In the will he asked that his wife and children continue to live together for a year after his decease then that his property be sold at public vendu (sale). This sale took place ca 1 May 1795. So He died possibly a year before this date. He is probably the Jacob Mumma in Maytown with 3 males over 16 0 under 16 and 2 females in the 1790 census.

1. Records of Trinity Luthern Church, New Holland  
2. First Greiter/ Kreider Immigrants John Marsh Jr. Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage Vol. VIII No. 4 p 21

Inventory of the Estate of Jacob Mumma Deceased in Donigall Township  
Lancaster County made this third day of November Anno D. 1794

p1	£	s	d	p2	carried over	£	s	d
To the clothes	15	0		A Big wheel		3	3	
to trousers and shirts	7	6		a chest		2	6	
to a chest	7	6		to a pair of saddle bags		1	0	
to a clock	7	10	0	to a basket with sundrys		2	0	
to a coverd	15	00		nine bee scabs		4	6	
to a Steelyard (scale)	5	0		abox with old iron		3	9	
to a covered	10	0		wheel to spool with for a weaver		3	9	
four glasses two boles				three ougres		3	9	
one Mug	10	0		to a hakle		5	0	
three Bodles (bottles)	1	6		two pairs of wooll cards		3	9	
one Book	1	17	6	to a oil Cak and sundrys		1	6	
one Bible	2	10	0	four sickles		6	6	
thirteen books	1	2	6	two choppers one iron hup,				
to a slate	1			four sickles		5	0	
one table	7	6		to leather		10	0	
to a grobair	7	6		five old sithes		7	6	
a square, hand saw and				gradle and sithe		5	6	
hammer	4	0		to sithe and snad		5	6	
to sundrys	3	0		to a collar and old ropes		1	6	
one cross cut saw	7	6		to a wattering can		2	6	
a half bushel and froe ?	7	6		a sithe and snad & tub and a				
a half bushel and Nails	7	6		Cask		3	9	
one ax, hand ax. and				four kiddles		4	6	
stone sledge	15	0		flax tow		7	6	
to a saddle	1	6		one old chest		3	9	
Pewter Ware	4	0	0	one pail and a chair		2	0	
to a dressor	15	0		one auger and futats		1	6	
one pan, a kettle, one pot				a spinning wheel				
and gridiron	1	2	6	two bags		12	0	
to a lock chain	6	6		seven bags		1	5	0
a water Can, tub, and a				one Bag with a bushel of				
tin pail	7	6		Trid (dried) apples		3	9	
Bed and Bedstead	4	15	0	Sixteen Pound of feathers		2	8	0
an old chest	2	0		A spinning wheel		7	6	
four table clothes two				two heckles		10	0	
hand towels & sundrys	15	0		a basket and trid apples		10	9	
Bed and Bedstead	4	10	0	a cask and sald		5	0	
Bed and bedstead	3	0	0	Twenty pounds of yarn		10	0	
carried over	39	3	3	twelve bushels of Buckwheat		14	16	9
				carried over		52	16	9
p3	Bro <sup>t</sup>	over	52 16	two pitch forks two dung				
a washing tub	1	17	6	forks snd Crap		5	0	
to a Kettle	15	0		one Pail		2	0	
two grindstones	3	0		Horse gears		3	0	0
grobins hewes and shovels	15	0		a waggon cloth		18	0	
a churn	1	2	6	four Bags		1	6	0
Potters ware	1	6		three caves		3	10	0
Nine hogs	7	0	0	one cow		4	0	0
one Plough	15	0		carried over		101	12	-
one flax Break and				p4				
wooden Mare	3	9		one Cow		5	0	0
gredle and sithe	1	6		one cow		4	10	0
to a cask	1	6		one cow		5	0	0
to a cask	8	6		two heifers		6	0	0
to a Double Barrel with				thirteen Sheep		6	10	0
Cider	1	5	0	A Mare		22	10	0
a fish geek	1	0		A Mare		27	0	0
A loom	10	0		A Mare		8	0	0
A Stove	18	0		A Horse		24	0	0
to a Cas	2	0		A Horse		3	0	0
two hundred feed of				forty bushels of wheat		18	0	0
boards	15	0		fifty bushels of oats		6	0	
to a Plough	5	0		eighteen buschels of Rie		6	6	0
Eighteen Bushels of				three tons of hay		7	10	0
Indian corn 4/6 per	4	1	0	three tons of season Crop				
a windmill	3	15	0	of hay		6	0	0
A Cutting box	7	6		three chairs		5	0	
A waggon	9	0	0	Nine geese		1	0	0
A hand screw	15	0						
A sive and four Kekes	5	0						
Iron Hobles & lock chain	10	0						
						258	8	0

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Christian, son of David, was raised in Hempfield Twp., Lancaster County Pa. After the family moved to Baltimore County Maryland, he and his brother Abraham were both baptised as adults in the Reformed Church. He married Catherine Watts, and their children were baptised in the Reformed Church of Baltimore County.

This inventory is not complete as the bottom of the pages was cut off in copying, but it gives us a picture of a prosperous market gardene who hauled his produce to the city to sell.

Christian Muma

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and personal estate of Christian Mumma

late of Baltimore County deceased appraised by the subscribers Amos Loney & William C. Alderson.

	Dols,		Dols,
Sundry wearing apparel of the deceased	15.00	A lot of seeds, Cucumbers	
1 Bed bedstead and bedding	25.00	Onions Turnip & pease	5.00
1 do do do	20.00	A lot old bockk	2.00
2 do do do	40.00	1 pr wooll and 1 pr co	
2 Chaff do & bedsteads	10.00	cotton cards	.50
9 blankets 3 quilts 3 sheets	20.00	1 Crow barr (small)	.12½
3 old bedsteads & 2 servents beds &c	2.00	1 cross cut saw	1.50
1 Round Walnut tea table	3.00	1 hand saw	1.00
1 Clock (old)	15.00	1 wood saw	.50
2 pr. Andirons	4.00	4 old Augers & 1 drawing knife	2.00
10 old Winsor Chairs	2.50	1 Maul 4 wedges 2 dog irons	
1 dosen fancy do	6.00	& stone hammer	3.00
3 Mahogany dinning tables	16.00	1 straw cutting knife & box	2.50
1 Case drawers	10.00	8 old reap hooks	1.50
1 Corner Cubbard	2.00	1 pr new hames Leather &	
2 Mahogany desks	12.00	sundry old hames &c	2.00
1 Settee	5.00	2 Grind Stones & frames for do	2.00
2 Small looking glasses	2.00	1 Bench	.25
3 old waiters (trays)	1.50	23 hot bed frames & glass	
1 pr. tongs and fire shovel	1.50	much broken	5.00
1 pr. Steelyards	1.50	1 Negro man 35 years old	300.00
8 table Knives & forks	.75	1 Blk horse 14 yrs old	30.00
13 plates 2 dishes & 3 bowls Delph ware	1.25	1 Bay Mare 10 yrs old	10.00
6 table & 6 tea spoons silver	8	1 Brown do 10 yrs old	10.00
1 tea pot 12 cups & 12 Saucers 4 plates		1 Bull 4 yr old (missing)	15.00
& Milk pots	1.00	6 hogs	18.00
4 small old brass & Copper kettles	5.00	Dunghill fowls supposed to	
A lot old pewter and tins	3.00	be 25 or 30	4.00
1 Sausage Cutter &c	.50	1 old ram goat	0.25
a lot stone & earthen jars &c	1.00	2 Lots of Corn about 9 acres	48.00
1 Oven Peal	0.25	3 Stacks Hay supposed to be	
1 Cupboard & 2 Kitchen tables	3.00	4 tons	20.00
1 Sour Crout Cutter & old bread tray	1.00	3 do do do 5 tons	30.00
2 Washing tubs & sundry old tins &c	1.50	3 do do do 7 tons	42.00
3 pecks & 1 half bushel measures	1.50	1 stack do	18
1 Flax hackle	.50	Sundry cocks hay	5.00
7 baskets		Part of a stack of hay	7.00
3 Linnen Wheels & 1 wollen Do 2 reels		Lot of inferior do	5.00
and winding blades	5.00	Cornfodder & Tatamas in the	
2 wire riddles	1.00	home garden	5.00
2 lags and one market cloth	2.00	Rye and do straw in the barn	10.00
1 large chest with Garden seeds	1.50	1 Wheat fan & 2 flales	16.00
Sundry bags containing do	.50	2 Stacks rye supposed 45 bu.	27.00
1 homney mortar & pestle	.50	5 Acres pickling Cucumbers	30.00
Sundry old barrels & 1 lye hopper	2.25	1 lot Cabbages	23.00
1 Bbl & soft soap & old kettle	2.00	1 do turnips	2.00
1 Linnen Wheel and quilting frame	3.50	1 do Tamatas	10.00
1 pr. brass Candlestickes & 4 old		1 do potatoes	12.00
pitchers	2.00	1 do horse radish	4.00
1 Rag carpet	12.00	1 stack rye supposed 25 bus	15.00
1 large & 1 small pine table 2 pine		2 carts and geers	10.00
benches & 1 pine chest	2.00	1 old waggon & one spare	
12 paper window blinds	1.50	wheel	12.00
1 old umbrells	1.00	4 plows and singletrees	12.00
		1 Wheel barrow	1.50
		4 old axes 1 Pick 2 Mataxes	3.50
		1 old Gig & harnes	25.00
		1 waggoners Saddle	2.00