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**From the Editor's Desk**

I am sorry to have been so long getting this out. I had hoped to get an answer to my letter to Germany but so far have heard nothing. Because this is so late I have made it a little longer this time.

**The International Genealogical Index**

The IGI is an index to some of the genealogical information in the LDS Library at Salt Lake City. At one time the Church required all their members to send in a five generation chart of their ancestors. The index was started to index the material on these charts. They soon found that since many of these charts had been done by amateurs in genealogical research there were many errors, so they decided to have members interested in genealogy volunteer time to abstract information from various record sources. The name was changed and it now contains much valuable information.

The index is on Microfiche and can be found at any of the LDS branch libraries. The older version can often be found in many small Genealogical Libraries. The first column of the index contains the name of the chief person in the event arranged alphabetically by last name and then first name. It also contains the names of the significant others involved in the event. Parents in case of a christening and spouse in a marriage. Next is the Sex of the individual, then the type of the event marriage, christening, etc., the date, and the place of the event. The next three columns contain material of interest only to church members. The last two columns give information on the source of the information.

To get more information on someone mentioned in the IGI fillout a form at the library with the name of the person, the parents or spouse, event date, batch #, serial sheet #, input source #. This number is found by using the batch, and serial sheet # and a fiche index at the front of the IGI. One to four names will cost \$1.00

## Conrad Mumaugh/Muma

### Documentation of Conrad Mumaugh/Muma's Whereabouts from the Records.

by Ellen Copper

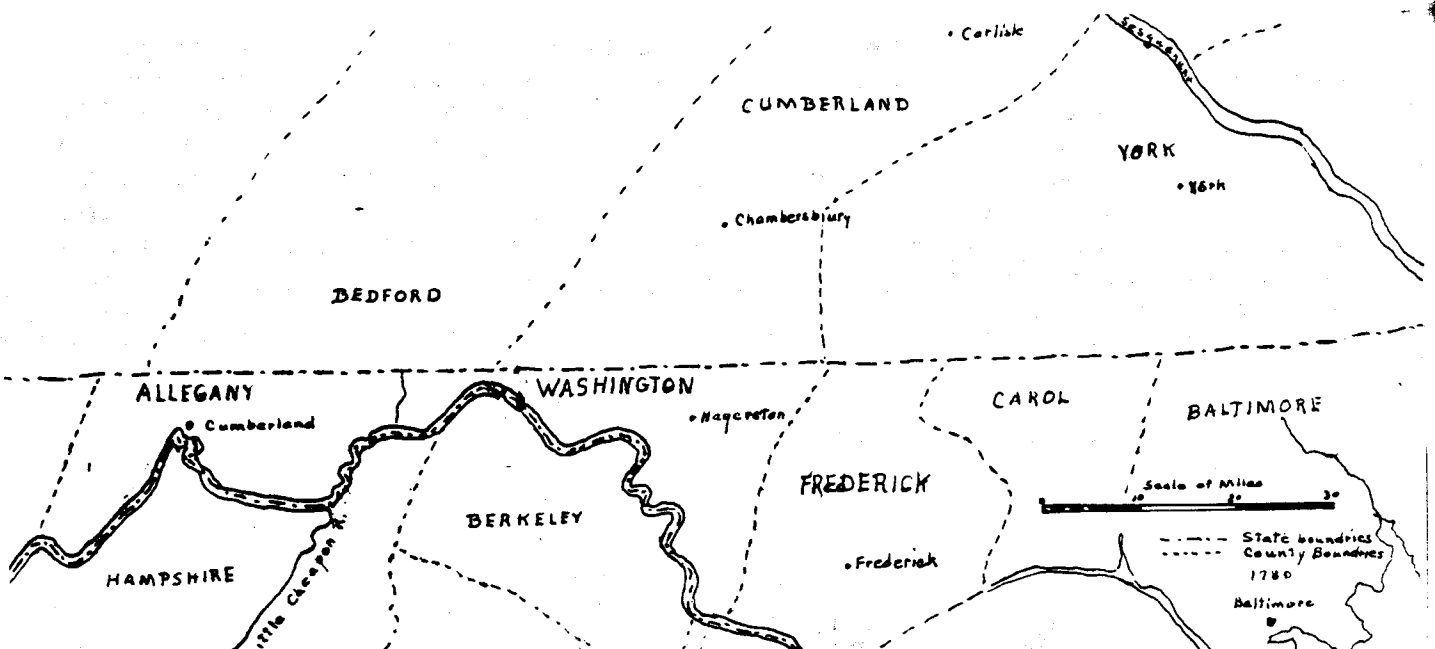
- 1783 - Confirmation Conrad Mumah.<sup>4</sup>  
index St. John's Evangelical Reformed Church, Creagerstown, Frederick Co. Md
- 1792 - or earlier 2 sons John and Jacob were born.
- 1792, 25 Aug Indenture (lease) between Rev. Denny Fairfax (called Denny Martin) and Conrad Muma, John and Jacob, his two sons. [for lot of land no 13 or 12 containing 13 acres, one dwelling 20 by 16 feet, with brick or stone chimney]. For the yearly rent of 40 shilling.s part of the Swan Pond tract on Little Cacapon River)<sup>2</sup>
- Hampshire Co Va (now WV) vol 19 pp 135-137
- 1795, 4 Mar - William F. Mumaugh born to Conrad and Barbara Muma at Cumberland (some sorces say Cumberland Co Md or Va, probably Md. 1850 & 1860 Census Md)<sup>2</sup>
- 1795, 23 Nov - Lewis Lecklider gave power of Attorney to Conrad Mumma "of the county of Allegany and state of Maryland" [Lewis is surmised to be Barbara Mumma's brother] Allegany Co. Md. B pp 102-104 (WK 852-853)
- 1795, 16 Dec - Conrad Momma buys "White Oak Swamp (8 acres) and White Oak Ridge (34 1/2 acres) from Christopher and Elizabeth Waggoner. Allegany Co Md B pp102-104 WK 852-853
- 1800 Census Allegany Co Md p 11
- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Male b 1755-1774  | 1 female b 1755-1774  |
| 3 Males b 1790-1800 | 1 female b 1784-1790  |
|                     | 2 females b 1790-1800 |
- 1801, 17 Jan - Conrad Muma purchased 100 acres on Plum Run near the drain of Patterson's Creek Hampshire Co VA DB K 12 p 385
- 1803 22 Nov - Conrad and Barbara sell White Oak Swamp and White Oak Ridge for 50 Pounds to John Willison [they appeared before the justice in person on Aug 25 1803. Alleganey Co Md D pp 96-97
- 1804 Conrad and Barbara supposedly moved to Montgomery (now Miami) County Ohio<sup>4</sup>
- 1805 23 Nov. - Conrad Mumma of Virginia sold his lot #266 on Mechanic St. in the town of Cumberland for 60 pounds to John McClery (when Conrad was supposedly in Ohio) Allegany Co Md D (WK 853-854) pp 453-454
- date illeg. Conrad Muma of Allegany Co Md sells land to M. Healer and wife. Hampshire Co Va. Co Va bk 13 p 463
- 1806 Joseph Mumaw born to Conrad and Barbara Mumaw 1850 cen. 44 yrs b Md  
He lived with another family at this time. They may not have known where he was born.
- 1806 8 Mar - Conrad Mumma and Barbara his wife of Hampshire Co Va sell 100 acres on Plum Run to Peter Lechliter. Conrad signed his name in German Barbara signed with her mark. Hampshire Co. Va DB 14 pp 501 - 503
- 1808 Conrad supposedly moved from Montgomery Co to Fairfield Co Oh
- 1815 20 Nov - Conrad purchased lot #69 in Jacksonville, Violet Twp (now Pickerington,) from Abraham and Ann Pickering Fairfield Co Oh DB J p499
- 1816 10 Oct Conrad and Barbara sell (\$25) Lot #69 in Jacksonville to Joseph Blauser, Conrad signed with his mark. Fairfield Co Oh DB L p105-106
- 1820 Conrad Muma Census Fairfield Co. Hocking Twp
- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Male b pre 1775  | 1 female b pre-1775  |
| 1 Male b 1804-1810 | 1 female b 1804-1810 |
- 1830 Conrad Mumma Census Fairfield Co. Hocking Twp
- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Male b 1760-1770 | 1 female b 1760-1770 |
| 1 Male b 1815-1820 | 1 female b 1790-1800 |

- 1835 18 Dec.- earliest dated entry in Conrad's estate packet bill for funeral clothes for father, signed by William Mumaugh, adm.
- 1836 1 Feb req 7 May- Joseph and Catherine Mumaugh as heirs in the estate of Conrad Mumaugh sell the South part of the North West 1/4 of sect. 17 township 14 range 19 for \$50, 42 acres, to George Ruple
- 1836 4 Feb req 7 May- George and Elizabeth Houck/Howk of Pickaway Co Oh as heirs in the estate of Conrad Mumaugh sell the South part of the North West 1/4 of sect. 17 township 14 range 19 for \$50, 42 acres, to George Ruple.
- 1836 Partition suit - Conrad Mumaugh heirs - Wife Barbara, heirs of Jacob Muma, deceased, of Cumberland Co Pa; William Mumaugh; Barbara Mumaugh married to Michael Fugh; Mary Morrice married to Francis Fawley/Yawley, who was the daughter of Catherine and Abner Morrice, pet. George Ruple
- 1838 Son William Mumaugh moved to Allen Co. Oh; his descendents reside in NW Ohio, Nebraska, California, and many other areas.
- 1839 Williams son John Rees Mumaugh returned to Fairfield County Ohio.

**Notes on above outline**

1. A study of the St John's Evangelical Reformed Church records show that the only communicants named Mumma (any spelling) were Jacob and Margaret. The following young people were confirmed there;
 

1780 - Confirmed Jacob & George Mumah	1784 - Confirmed Juliana Mumah
1783 - Confirmed Conrad Munah	1788 - Confirmed Margaret Mumma
2. This is a lease for three lives. A common form of leasing land in Ireland at this time. In The Belfast Newsletter July 9-13 1773 there was an advertisement of land to be sold. "Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine acres, situated in Hampshire County, in the Colony of Virginia, laid out in thirty different tracts. - sold free of all incumbrances except a yearly Quit-Rent, payable to Thomas Lord Fairfax." One of the tracts listed was - "150 Acres at the Swan Ponds, on the North Branch of Patowmack, within two miles of Fort Cumberland. Denny Martin apparently bought this tract and then leased it in the Irish manner.
3. There is no Cumberland County in either Maryland or Virginia. The town of Cumberland, built around Fort Cumberland, is in Allegeny County Maryland, just across the river from Hampshire Co. Va.
4. Could it be that he went to Ohio to look it over at this time and then returned to settle up his affairs before moving the family.



## Using County Histories

The biographical sketches that appeared in the County Histories of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries are not considered very reliable sources of genealogical information. These write ups were put in for the people who subscribed to the book and were frequently exaggerated and depending on the person supplying the information not always accurate. This is not to say that we should not use them, rather that we should take the information they give and then check it out with other sources. We should also consider who was giving the information and how much personal knowledge he had of the events he is relating. A good example of this is in the following two excerpts.

JOHN H. MOOMAW

### History of Piatt County Illinois p 382

"Mr John H Moma, farmer, Bement, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1797. He moved to Ohio, and about 1859 located on Madden's Run in Sangamon township. (Ill.) He was married in Ohio to Mary Benner and has nine children, three of whom are living. Maria the wife of Noble Crawford, died leaving several children; Austin died at the age of twenty seven years; Sarah died in Ohio, and Milton's death occurred in the army. Caroline is now the wife of Mr. A.T. Pipher; Frank (Francis) is the wife of Mr. William Woods of Chillicothe, Ohio; Dorothea married Mr. Abraham Hays; William D. married Kate Peoples in 1865 and has five children, John E, Fannie, Bert, Stella L. and Wm Milton. He owns one hundred acres of land under cultivation. Mr. John Moma took for his second wife Mrs. James Hays, who is still living."

### History of Macon County Illinois Vol 2 p 187 Pub 1910

"That the life of William D. Moma had been an active one, characterised by unfaltering industry and unremitting energy, is indicated by the fact that he is now living retired, enjoying a goodly competence which has come to him as the logical result of earnest labor and intelligently directed effort. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, on 30th September, 1846, a son of John H and Mary Benner (Benner) Moma. His grandparents on the paternal side came from Germany at an early day, locating in Rockbridge county, Virginia and in the Old Dominion John H. Moma, the father of our subject, was born. Later he went to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Mary Benner, a native of that state, who was also of German ancestry, and continued a resident of that state until March, 1859, when he came to Illinois, taking up his abode in Ford county. A tanner by trade he followed that pursuit for a number of years in Ohio, his efforts in that direction making him one of the well-to-do business men of the community in which he made his home. Later, however, he met with financial reverses and upon his arrival in Ford county, where he subsequently took up his abode, his possessions consisted of but thirty dollars. Two years later he removed to Piatt county."

The first of these accounts is very straight forward and would appear to have been given by John H. himself with out any effort to impress anyone, and most of the facts have been proved by records. He was

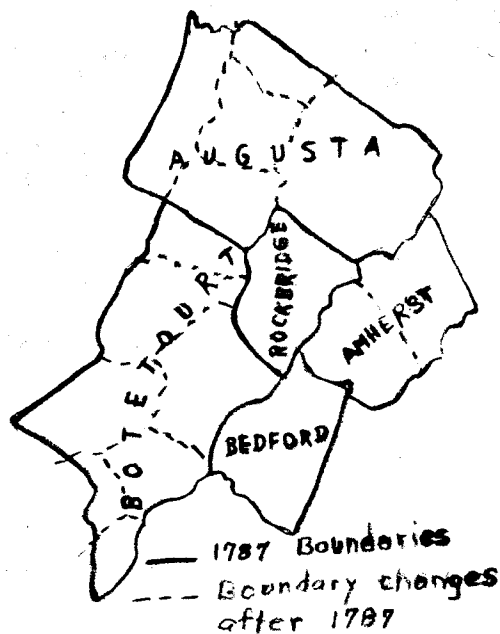
married according to the Ross County Ohio marriage records: John Moomaw and Magdalen Benner 12 June 1821. Salen Church Records Ross Co. Ohio and family Bible records agree with the children he lists. He says he was born in Augusta County Virginia, in 1797, while his son says that the grandfather came from Germany and located in Rockbridge Co Va.

In the Augusta County Records the only Mumma of any spelling is a Christian Mummer who appears first when he signed the list of members, of the Staunton Fire Company when it was organized on the 9th of January 1790.<sup>1</sup> In Augusta county marriage records<sup>2</sup> 1790 April 21, "Christian Mummer and Betsy Hawp, daughter of Rudolph Hawp (consent) witnesses John and Susanna Hawpe, surety Walter Herrin." In a 1793 tax list of Insolvents and delinquents - "Christian Mummer, removed to Amhurst."<sup>3</sup> Betsy Mummer is mentioned in her Father's will in 1802 but there is no mention of her place of residence.<sup>4</sup>

Since Houp is an English spelling of the German name Hawpe as Mummer is the way we sometimes find Mumma written by English clerks, it seems possible that this is John H. Moma's father. Family papers give his middle name as Houp. His daughter Carolyn was baptised Carolyn Houp Moma in the Salem Presbyterian Church, South Salem Ohio.<sup>5</sup>

Research in the records of Amherst and Rockbridge County might shed some light on this Christian Mummer and prove whether or not he was the father of John H Moma.

Since John H Moma went to Ohio before he was married and his children were all born in Ohio and there is no evidence that his father came to Ohio it is probable that the children never knew their grandparents, so did William really know that his grandfather came from Germany? These early immigrants continued to use their native language for several generations, as long as they lived near others that they had come with. Sometimes later generations assumed that because they still spoke German they had been the immigrants. So was he a later immigrant of which there is no record or was he the son or grandson of one of the four immigrants that we know about?



The following is another example of this same problem. Also when a biography contains information known to be wrong it casts doubt on the other information in that biography. When I first read the following I thought we had another immigrant but after noting several errors in the story perhaps instead of his father the immigrant was his grandfather Peter Moma, who arrived in 1748 and had a son Peter born 1771, who could have been the father of Peter K. Mumma.

- 1 Abstracts from the Records of Augusta County Virginia, Lyman Chalkley Vol III p 588
- 2 Ibid Vol III p 290
- 3 Ibid Vol II p 426 Insolvents and delinquents 1793
- 4 Ibid Vol III p 225 Will book IX p 369
- 5 Third Session Book Salem Presbyterian Church,

## E. LESLIE E. MUMMA

### History of Hancock County Ohio p 320

"E. Leslie E. Mumma, attorney at law at McComb, is a prominent member of the Hancock County bar and for forty years has been a political factor in the Republican party in the State of Ohio. He was born in Monroe Township, Allen County, O., April 8, 1854, and a son of Peter K. and Susan (Montz) Mumma.

"Peter K. Mumma was born in Lancaster County, Pa., July 10, 1810 and was of Swiss and French ancestry. His father, Peter Mumma came to America from Alsace Lorraine, then a French province, following the close of the war of 1812.<sup>1</sup> He lived in Lancaster and Susquehanna Counties, in Pennsylvania, and owned a distillery on the Susquehanna River.<sup>2</sup> He died in 1839. His widow, also a native of France, died in 1866. They had the following children: John, Peter K., Eliza, David R., Joseph H., and Mary A. John Mumma was an engineer on the first line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. David R. Mumma became a man of much prominence in Pennsylvania and was sent to the State Senate from Dauphin County. He died in Harrisburg.<sup>3</sup> Joseph H. Mumma came to Ohio in 1860 and lived in Hancock County during the remainder of his life until prior to his death, in 1908, which occurred in Paulding County. He was a miller by trade. Mary A. the sixth member of the family and the only survivor, resides on a farm near Payne, O., and is now in her seventy seventh year. She married Samuel Wiltsie, who was born in 1827 in Otsego County N.Y.----

"Peter K. Mumma was not a collegian but he was a scholarly and educated man, reading Latin, Greek and French, also German and being particularly proficient in his ancestral tongue and easily conversed in the dialects of his land.----<sup>4</sup>

"In 1838 Peter K. Mumma was married in Lancaster County Pa.,<sup>5</sup> to Susan Montz, who was born in 1822, in Maryland. Her father was Joshua Montz, a native of France and an emigrant to Maryland.---- In 1840 they came to Allen County, O., locating on Riley Creek, a mile and a half from Blufton, where he built a log cabin. In 1859 he removed to Orange Township, in Hancock County, not far from Blufton ----

"To Peter K Mumma and wife the following children were born: William J., Susan O., Joseph M., Zachariah Taylor, E. Leslie E., Simon G., Isaac N., Martha L., Mary E. and Roy Edmond. William J. Mumma was a member of Co. B, 99th o. Vol. Inf. He married Mary H. Reeber, of Hancock County, engaged in farming near Warsaw Ind. Susan O. is the widow of James C. Bogart. Joseph M. follows the carpenter trade in Blufton O., he married Euphemia Hamiltona daughter of Jonathan Hamilton. Zachariah Taylor, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Blufton, O. married Amanda Hamilton. Simon G. Mumma has his home in Jamestown N.D. Isaac N. Mumma is a farmer and Plasterer, residing in Auglaiz County O. He married Elizabeth Johnson of Hancock County. Martha L. is the wife of Joseph Bowen of Warsaw Ind. Mary E. died unmarried in

Tecumseh, Neb. Roy Edmund is engaged in the mercantile business in Paulding County, O. He married Bertha Miller. ---

"On October 22, 1876, Mr. Mumma was married to Miss Sarah A. Waltz of Tuscarawas County, O., and they have three children: Morton C., Cliffe, Hiram Paul and Harlin Leslie." ----

1. Alsace was a predominantly German speaking province but with French sympathy. Lorraine was predominantly French speaking province at the time of Napoleon they both belonged to France later became part of the German Empire and still later were combined in an independent state.

2. Susquehanna County Pennsylvania, is in the North East corner of the state. Lancaster County is across the Susquehanna River from Cumberland County, it was probably in one of these counties that he owned the distillery.

3. The David Mumma who was prominent in Dauphin County politics was according to his obituary not the son of Peter Mumma. However he was probably related. David's grandfather was John Mumma b. 1736 in Lorraine and thought to be the son of Laurence Moma who was a brother of the immigrant Peter Moma who came in 1748

From his obituary - "In the death of Major David Mumma, Tuesday evening, June 20th 1893, the county loses one of its most prominent and useful citizens. ---

"David Mumma was the son of David and Esther Mumma. He was born in Susquehanna township, Dauphin county July 27th 1816. He remained with his father on the farm until his marriage with Lydia Detweiler (daughter of David and Susan Detweiler) on February 22d, 1843, when he removed to Londonderry township and engaged in farming on his father-in-law's farm. While thus engaged in peaceful agricultural pursuits he was elected a major in the militia organization of the district. His military title always remained with him. Leaving the farm he went to Middletown and engaged in the lumber business. He was also connected with a couple of banking enterprises.

"Meantime he studied law and began the practice of the legal profession in Harrisburg, being admitted to the bar April 26th 1853. --- He was elected to the Legislature in 1850 and represented the Dauphin-Lebanon district in the Senate in 1870. ---

"He is survived by his faithful helpmate and three children- Mrs. John M. Major, Elias L. and David D. Mumma Mrs. David Cassel of Lower Paxtang, aged 80 years is a sister." ---

4. Peter K. Mumma was at least a second generation American and probably third generation but was still familiar with the native language of his forefathers and also the German of many of their neighbors. This may be the reason that his son thought that it was his father not his grandfather who came from Lorraine.

5. The rest of this information should be reliable as it is information that E. Leslie E. Moomaw should have had records for.

## AMOS MOOMAW

Amos Moomaw appeared in the 1850 census of Ross County, the son of John and Sofia Moomaw aged 16 and in 1860 census aged 26 and in the marriage records when he married Maggie J. Farrel 30 June 1863. Nothing further was known of him until this biography was found-

### History of Marion Co. Iowa p 749

"Amos Moomaw, Farmer and Stockraiser, born June 24 1834 Ross Co. Ohio, where which occupations he followed most of the time for eight years in his native county, after which he moved to Bourneville, Ohio and engaged in the hotel business for 1 year; then moved to Bainbridge Ohio, where he was engaged in the butcher business for 3 years, and in the summer of 1869 he moved to Marion Co. Iowa and engaged in teaching school for 4 years. He then purchased the drug store in Red Rock, which business he followed for 3 years when he traded the store for part of the land which he now occupies. He owns 200 acres, he also owns property in Red Rock, consisting of four lots, on which is located a very fine residence. He has been clerk of his township for the last year. He is a member of the Dunkard Church, and was appointed minister of the same on the 22 say of May 1880.

"He has been twice married: 1st to Miss Maggie Ferrell of Ross Co. Ohio b June 30 1858. She died 9 Sept 1878, leaving a family of three children: James, Cora, and Harry. He was married the 2nd time Sept. 2 1880 to Mrs. Maggie E Young, whose maiden name was Taylor. She has a child by her former husband Samuel A. Young"

## MOOMAW

### A History of Shenandoah County Virginia p 622

"Benjamin C. Moomaw, a Virginia Poet, born 1852, in Botetourt county, Va., delivered the tercentary ode at the Jamestown Exposition. His collected poems were published in 1900. He is son of Benjamin F. Moomaw and Mary Crouse and descendent of Crouse, Kline and other German families. His residence is in Alleghany county, Va. The poet's brother, John C. Moomaw, born 1837, instiuted, 1867, a large commercial fruit industry at Cloverdale, said to be the first in Virginia. The last's son, Benjamin F. Moomaw, of Roanoke, Va., was first president of Virginia State Horticultural Society.

Daniel C Moomaw, brother of Benjamin F. Moomaw, is a writer, who resides near Roanoke, Va.

The last statement does not say which of the above Benjamin F's is ment. It is probably a mistake and should be Benjamin C. who did have a brother Daniel C. Moomaw.

This family has been well researched by Mildred Moomaw Coleman. A typescript copy of her work is in the library at Salt Lake City call no. 71832