The John George Schumm Family

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PREFACE

In 2006, the Schumm Reunion committee decided it was time to update the Schumm history and genealogy. Sharon Dietrich, Schumm Reunion secretary, contacted Karen Miller Bennett, CG, for help with the project. Karen is a certified genealogist and has been researching her family history for some time. It was determined that the first step should be to digitize and record all the genealogy information from the 1988 Schumm History onto a genealogy computer program. We considered two features to be very important for the updated Schumm genealogy--birth and death dates as well as an index. Birth and death dates place in individual in time and help differentiate between individuals with the same name. An index makes it easy to locate an individual in the book. Karen recommended using the Roots Magic genealogy program because it is user friendly and the program will generate an index.

Work on the book began over four years ago. Karen's mother, Florence Schumm Miller, accepted the task of data entry and entered names and dates into the Roots Magic program. Florence and Sharon worked to obtain updated family information and at the same time, whenever possible, they tried to obtain birth, death, and marriage dates to go along with the names. This was a daunting task as Florence entered over 8900 names into the Roots Magic program. Some information was obtained from the Schumm Cemetery readings (*Van Wert County Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol V, Liberty, Harrison & Willshire Townships,*Van Wert County Chapter OGS, 1992), from the records of Zion Lutheran Church, Schumm, and from other sources such as obituaries, marriage records, birth and death records, etc. Sharon digitized the Schumm History that was compiled in 1928 by William J. Schumm into a Word document and obtained photos for the book. Karen updated some genealogical and historical information and compiled biographies of the six Schumm immigrants, pages 29-44. When the family update deadline of 30 April 2010 had past, Florence and Sharon gave their digitized files to Karen. Florence, Karen, and Sharon spent countless hours editing the genealogical data. Karen then compiled and edited the historical information and photos, organized and made the historical and genealogical information print-ready, and designed the book covers.

The files for the book were taken to the printer in late June and a proof copy was printed, but editing was still done until the final files were delivered to the printer in mid-July. The files are also available on CD, in PDF format.

We have attempted to make this book as accurate as possible and we apologize for any errors. Please inform us of any discrepancies or errors.

We would like to continue to keep the database up to date, so please inform the Schumm Reunion secretary of family updates and address changes as they occur. Additional books or CDs may also be ordered from the secretary at:

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INTERESTING FACTS FROM THIS BOOK

- There are 8948 individuals in the book, although some individuals may be listed more than once because they are in more than one ancestral line
- Of the 8948 individuals, 4557 are male and 4381 are female
- There are 2921 families in the database
- There are 48 ministers in the database
- The average age at marriage is 25.13 years old
- The average male married at age 26.25
- The average female married at age 24.02
- The average family has 2.09 children
- The maximum age at death for a male is 98 years
- The maximum age at death for a female is 103 years
- The top 10 most common surnames, their frequency, and the earliest date the surname occurred in the book:
    - Schumm, with 707 individuals, name first occurred in 1568
        - 386 males
        - 320 females
    - Roehm, 241 individuals; 1842
    - Schinnerer, 229 individuals; 1824
    - Schüler, 178 individuals; 1810
    - Meyer, 142 individuals; 1819
    - Merkle, 127 individuals; 1873
    - Germann, 120 individuals; 1847
    - Lankenau, 103 individuals, 1843
    - Thieme, 77 individuals; 1919
    - Miller, 77 individuals; 1874

Back cover: Watermark of Schumm Cemetery with the Schumm immigrant tombstones superimposed. Immigrant tombstones: Uppermost: John George Schumm; Lower row, left to right: Maria Katherine Schumm Schüler, George Martin Schumm, Friedrich Schumm, Johann Jacob Schumm, Ludwig Schumm.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

- The first section of the book, the historical section, pages 1-14, was compiled in 1928. Information about the Schumm area was compiled by Sharon Dietrich, pages 17-26. Biographies of the six Schumm immigrants were compiled by Karen Miller Bennett, pages 29-44.

- The ancestry of John George Schumm is on pages 27-28.

- Two generations of the descendants of John George Schumm are in the narrative section, pages 29-44.

- The genealogy section of the book, pages 45-195, consists of five descendant lists. A descendant list is an indented list of a root person and his or her descendants (children, grandchildren, etc). Each person is printed on a single line and each generation is indented to the right of the previous generation.

- The Descendant Lists Section, pages 45-195, gives the descendants of each of John George Schumm's five children that immigrated to America with him in 1833. Each of the immigrant children has their own Descendant List, listed in their birth order—Katherina, Martin, Friedrich, Jacob, and Ludwig.

- Reading the Descendant Lists:
    - There are 5 Descendant Lists, one for each of John George Schumm's immigrant children
    - The root person in each section is #1 and is on the far left of the page
    - #1's spouse is listed directly below #1 and is indicated with a +
    - Their children are indented below them and are generation #2; their spouse is listed below their name, indicated with a +, and their children are indented below them and are generation #3
    - Subsequent generations are listed in the same manner
    - The next descendant list begins with a new root person as #1

- Birth and/or death dates follow an individual's name, if that at information was given to us.

- Women are listed in the genealogies and in the index by their maiden name.

- Although we recorded marriage dates in the database, they do not appear in the descendant list format that we used. Marriage dates do appear in the narrative genealogy section, pages 27-44.

- An *umlaut* [Ü/ü] was used to replace *ue* in the narrative portion of the book, the same designation that was used in Gothic Script, the old German writing. e.g. Württemberg

ABOUT THE INDEX

- Given names are listed under their surname.

- The index is for names only—no places or events.

- The index shows the birth date of an individual, if that information was given to us.

- The first group of names in the index consists of given names for which we did not know the surname.

- Names in the narrative section, pages 1-44, are not listed in the index.

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