

## THE HUMMELS

(Paper Given At The Hummelstown Area Historical Society By Janet Welsh On The Occasion of The Celebration Of Frederick Hummel's 250th Birthday)

We are here tonight to honor Frederick Hummel, a man to whom we are all indebted - some of us because of our birthright and the rest of us because his vision - and perhaps avarice - has provided a pleasant town in which to live, develop roots and raise strong American families.

As an amateur genealogist I often hear, "Why worry about your ancestors? Let the dead rest in peace!" - or - "Why bother with the past when we need to be so concerned with the future?" I agree that many ancestors should be left to rest in peace, but as a long time resident of the Washington area I have been thoroughly indoctrinated by a slogan that is carved in the National Archives Building which admonishes all passersby that "What is past is prologue - Study the past."

I strongly feel that Frederick Hummel and his descendants provided us with a great prologue on which to build and for which we owe a great debt of thanks. If you look carefully at the charts I have provided you will notice many stars. These mark some of the Hummel decedents who served in the military and helped to keep this nation free. If it hadn't been for Frederick and his sons, sons-in-law and neighbors, we might have saluted the cross of St. George tonight instead of the Stars and Stripes. In 1860, Hummelstown raised its own company of fighting men to save the Union. If it hadn't been for these men of Hummelstown and others like them, we might be meeting in some place called the Association of Northern States - or even in the Country of Pennsylvania - or - even worse, in the Principality of Dauphin! So not only did our ancestors - and not just Hummels either - fight to gain us freedom, they fought again to preserve the Nation intact so that we might have a better life. There have been subsequent wars, and whether we agree with their philosophies, purposes, or what-have-you, we all recognize that the Hummel descendants and many others have been ready and willing to protect the birthright Frederick gave us. And, of course, as a Woman's Libber, I must point out that the men went off to conquer new worlds leaving behind the Hummel women and their sisters to run the farms, provide a living and raise the families - and they did a tremendous job! So, I feel that it is especially appropriate tonight to honor Frederick, who started it all, and to remember those who followed - because we owe them so much.

And speaking of owing, I owe a debt of thanks to many people for the help they have given me in compiling this record of the Hummels and I would like to acknowledge some of that now. Thanks are due to people like Mrs. Bertha Hummel, Dorothy Foltz, Bill Jacks, Greg Straub, Jim Hummel, Mrs. Ada Breu, Charles and Nellie Hummel and other members of the family who have generously shared their family memories with me; to Uncle Buss Hummel, who has spent hundreds of hours helping sort out the notes, etc.; to Beck Butcliffe Horn who has guided me through Dauphin and Lebanon Counties in search of Hummels and cemeteries; to Phil Rainey who gave me a piece of paper one month ago that provided a whole new branch of the family; to the officers of the Historical Society for allowing me to roam freely among their archives; to Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson for their generosity in sharing the files of the Hummelstown Sun - but most of all, I want to acknowledge my debt of gratitude

to William Hendricks (may his soul rest in peace) and to the Hartwell family for their weekly recording of all the events and minutes that made up the lives of the Hummels and Hummelstown. Their work has kept the Hummels as people rather than statistics and for this I shall be eternally grateful.

This brings us to the question of; "Who are the Hummels?" The word means bumblebee in German which can be interpreted, I hope as sturdy, industrious people. There are two coats of arms extant - one shows a single bee while the other shows three bees. Neither one appears to be documented and thus it may be considered doubtful that either is really authentic. Legend says the Hummels originated in Germany and, according to one source, the earliest reference to the Hummel surname is Johannes Hummel who lived there about 1562.

At this moment no one seems to know much about our Frederick's beginnings. Tradition says he was born April 14, 1726 in Germany - probably in Wuerttemberg. I once heard the theory that Frederick's parents came to the German settlement in New York State, later floated down the Susquehanna, up the Swatara and finally settled in the Tulpehocken area. A check of the records of these settlers does reveal at least two Hummel families, both in the Schoharie region of New York before 1726 but no Frederick is listed. The Hummel names found later in the Tulpehocken settlement also contain no Frederick. The Philadelphia ship lists published under the title "Pennsylvania German Pioneers" show 11 Hummel arrivals before 1753 when we know that Frederick was firmly established in Lancaster County. These lists are comprised primarily of the names of males over 16, so the absence of the name Frederick may be due to his age upon arrival.

The ship Rosanna from Rotterdam arrived in Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1743 carrying Hannes Jacob Humble and George Philip Humble. These men were the progenitors of the Berks County Hummels. Frederick would have been 17 at this time and therefore should have been listed had he accompanied this group. Even though not accounted for among the arrivals destined for Berks County, the Legend persists in Berks, Schuylkill, Snyder and Union Counties that Frederick is related to these pioneers. This legend does not appear to be prevalent among residents of Dauphin County. However, in order to try to learn more about Frederick, I have done quite a bit of research into the other Hummel families. Incidentally, Mrs. Raker, a descendent of the Snyder County Hummels, was one of those who knew the story of the relationship among the Hummels and she graciously supplied me with some of the documents on that branch.

Fortunately for me, the Berks County Hummels have been rather well researched which made my task easier. There is a very interesting reason behind this. In 1838 and in 1846 two girls named Victoria and Tennessee Celeste were born in Ohio to Buck and Rosina Hummel Claflin. Rosina was supposed to be a descendent of Jacob Hummel who founded Hummel's Wharf. According to the Dictionary of Biography, Victoria had 3 husbands, Dr. Canning Woodhull, James H. Blood and John Biddulph Martin, a wealthy Englishman. Tennessee married Francis Cook who later succeeded to a baronetcy and ownership of a large estate in Portugal. As children, the sisters gave spiritualistic seances and traveled with a medicine show peddling an "elixir of life". In 1868, Tennie gained the confidence (to put it politely) of Cornelius Vanderbilt and with his assistance the girls opened an office in New York and became the first women stock brokers. They edited Woodhull and Claflin's Weekly, advocating equal rights for women, a single standard for morality, free love

and campaigned against prostitution and abortion. Victoria was quite a public speaker and in 1872 she was the first woman to run for president of the United States. She ran on the Equal Rights ticket with the noted colored abolitionist, Frederick Douglass as the vice presidential candidate. Needless to say, the campaign fell through but in 1877 she moved to England where she spent most of the rest of her life and where she died in 1927. She left a very sizable estate and several Hummels, who probably avoided her in her golden days, attempted to establish a relationship in case the estate would be up for grabs. It wasn't - but the records so hopefully prepared can be found in various places like the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

The Berks County Hummels settled originally near Moselem Springs and then later migrated up through what is now Schuylkill County - some continued on thru Shamokin and Sunbury while others went thru Pine Grove and the Lykens Valley. Eventually they joined forces in what is now Union and Snyder Counties. There they founded Hummel's Wharf. The roster of the family will sound very familiar to you - they contain more than an average share of Frederick, Jacobs, Davids, Rosinas, Susannas and Elizabeths - but I can find no written record about our Frederick. A Frederick Hummel appears in the church and revolutionary records of York. He was born about 1758 to Gerhard and Barbara Meyers Hummel. He fought in the Revolution and was living in Newberry Twp. in 1790 but later emigrated to Tuscarawas County, Ohio where he died in 1849. Here again I could find no ties.

On October 5, 1737, the ship Townsend arrived in Philadelphia and among the passengers were Vallentine and Vincent Kaufer. In the records of the Lutheran church in Lebanon Twp. known as Hill Church, we find a record of these men and their families. Although I still lack proof, I suspect that this is Rosina's family and that the legend that the Hummels came here in 1738 may refer to Rosina's side of the family rather than Frederick's. One thing I do know - Frederick did not marry Rosina in the old country and come here in 1738 as many stories say. Twelve year old German boys could not afford wives - or the passage to this country for them! In all likelihood, Fred and Rosina were married in Pennsylvania, probably in what is now Lebanon County.

At any rate, the first record I have found that places Frederick in this area is the baptism of his son, Johna Valentine, by the Rev. John Casper Stoever at the Hill Church (Swatara) which is now known as St. Paul's Lutheran in the Sand Hills. Between 1756 and 1761 his daughter, Eva Maria and his sons, John Frederick and David were also baptized at the Hill Church. Our only clue to his place of residence is found in the death record of his son Frederick which was recorded at Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon on Dec 0, 1802. It says that Frederick, Jr. was born Oct 4, 1758 in (Derry) Twp. at the Spring Creek.

In 1754 the French and Indian War started and family tradition states that Frederick was an active participant. Whether he helped guard the frontier at one of the forts like Fort Hunter or whether he freighted supplies to Fort Duquesne as Barbara Hummel said is not known at this time. I am inclined to think that Aunt Barb was probably right because of Frederick's land purchase in 1762, near the end of the war. Freightage would have given him an opportunity to earn the 200 pounds he paid John Cambell in Nov. 1762 for the land on which Hummelstown now stands. Frederick had also be involved in another real estate deal earlier in 1762 when on July 1, he purchased 154 acres of land at Fiddler's Elbow from Hugh Hayes. On June 6, 1764 Frederick sold

this tract, or at least part of it, to John Brindle.

We all know the story of the laying out of the town and the establishment of the churches so I won't repeat those tales. Apparently Frederick never lived in the town he created but continued to reside in Derry Twp.. A daughter, Rosina, appeared on Feb 24, 1764, the last child to be born to Rosina, Sr.. Four years later on the day after Christmas, Rosina, Sr. died, leaving 42 year old Frederick with five children ranging in age from 4 to 15. Although rumor says that Rosina was the first one buried in the Lutheran cemetery, the fact has not been substantiated and I find it hard to believe that no Lutherans died between June 1766 and Dec. 1768.

Many stories have circulated about Frederick's solution to his housekeeping problems. No one is sure how long Rosina was ill but apparently Frederick had obtained a "hired girl" to help run the household. In spite of the stories, Elizabeth Barbara Blessing was not a "bound" servant; she did not come to this country with Frederick and his wife, and she was not a waif but a member of a respectable family from the Sand Hills. Here again proof is needed but Barbara was probably the daughter of Christian Blessing, an early settler in the Sand Hills. That a strong relationship existed between the Hummel and Blessing families can be proved by the Sand Hill Church records which show that the Hummels and Blessings were baptismal sponsors for each other's children. In all likelihood, Barbara came to "help out" at the Hummels and when tragedy struck with the death of Rosina, she was on the scene. The fact that does not appear in print is that Barbara was 18 years old, just about 3 years older than Frederick's oldest son, Valentine, and less than 6 years older than his oldest daughter Eva.

People then were the same as they are now. Frederick was in the prime of manhood, in what can be considered the feverish forties. Barbara was supposed to be a very pretty girl. The inevitable happened and on Nov. 2, 1769 Frederick and Barbara were married by Rev. John Casper Stoevers. We can imagine how the tongues wagged in Hummelstown about the 24 year age differential; the less than one year mourning period and the fact that a young squirt had captured the most eligible man in town! Exactly nine months later - to the day - Frederick and Barbara had a daughter whom they named Catherine. Here is another fallacy that has been handed down. The histories of Dauphin County say they had twins born Mar. 24, 1770. This is belied by the records of Zion Lutheran Church which show Catherine as being baptized within two weeks of her birth on Aug. 2, 1770 while Christina was born May 25, 1772 and baptized on July 5th of that year. Two more children were born to Fred and Barbara, John on Sept. 11, 1774 and Elizabeth Barbara on June 29, 1777. Two years later on June 24, 1779, Frederick died at the age of 53, leaving Barbara a widow at the age of 29.

Seven years later, scandal struck again. According to the Lutheran Church records, Widow B. Hummel had a daughter which she named Mary Magdalena and when the child was baptized a year later on Mar 25, 1787, Peter Friedle, Eva Hummel's husband, was named as the father. There is no further mention of this child, nor do we know where Barbara was living when this occurred. What can be pointed out tho is that an event like this certainly served to widen any gap that existed between the two sets of children.



Under the terms of Frederick's will, his children were well provided for. His sons Frederick and David were to have the town real estate and property was left for John and Christian in Armstrong Valley and in Greenwood Twp.. No mention was made of property for Valentine but he had apparently been provided for before Frederick's death. Probably Eva had been given a dower at marriage since no property is specifically left to her but household goods were left to the 15 year old Rosina. The properties were to be appraised and adjustments made so that the estate was divided equally among his children with John Wunderlich and son Valentine as executors.

On Dec. 3, 1782, in the Orphan's Court of Lancaster County, John Wunderlich and Valentine Hummel petitioned the Court to appoint appraisers for the property. The appraisers, after viewing the property, valued it at 1205 pounds, 20 shillings. However, Dauphin County came into being and on Sept. 25, 1789, David and Frederick Hummel with the consent and approbation of Valentine Hummel and John Wunderlich petitioned the Dauphin County Orphan's Court to evaluate the property. (No mention is made of the 1782 appraisal.) The new appraisal was for 910 pounds instead of 1205 pounds. On the basis of the new appraisal, and after debts were paid, the estate was divided with Barbara receiving 1/3 or 249 pounds 5 shillings 10 pence while each child received 55 pounds 8 shillings 4 3/4 pence. The reappraisal and subsequent reduction of her share and the shares of her children must certainly have added to the bad feeling between Barbara and the older children.

There is no doubt that bad feeling existed and snatches of it have come down thru the generations - and it is equally obvious that both families contributed to the problem. I have seen a letter written in a later generation which stated that Barbara's children were all drunkards - an obvious untruth - and I often heard my mother laugh when she said no one could look down on us because we were from both the highbrow and the lowbrow Hummels. Fortunately, altho' the cleavage has not been completely forgotten, the current generation of Hummels are all proud to be members of the freundschaft and regard each other as equals.

Elizabeth Barbara Blessing died in 1797 at the age of 47. Her estate was administered by her sons Christian and John but details do not appear in the court record. Some time I'll go to the Courthouse and see whether some information is available.

I have made charts showing the descendants I have found for each of Frederick's children. At this stage you will note that three of the lists are quite lengthy - those of Frederick Jr., David and Christian. This does not necessarily mean that those families were larger than those of the other children. What it really means is that the descendants of these children stayed in the vicinity of Hummelstown and data has been easier to find on them. What I want in the next few minutes is to take each child of Fred's and give you a quick review of what I have ground out.

Valentine was the oldest child and was probably named for Rosina's father. He was an excellent scrivener and apparently served somewhat as a secretary for his father. He was also the clerk for Capt. Jacob Friedle's Company of the 4th Battalion of Lancaster County, the Company raised in the vicinity of Hummelstown. Frederick's family was well represented in this company - his sons Valentine, Frederick, and David were joined by their brother - in - law

Peter Friendle and John Wetherholt who later married Catherine Hummel.

Dauphin County histories say that Valentine married and had one child that died young. What a disservice these histories have done Valentine. Altho' I found data on 4 children in the Lutheran records, I presupposed that all had died young altho' cemetery records showed burials for only two of them. However, a month ago, Phil Rainey casually handed me a photocopy of an old document and said, "Thought you might be interested in this". The sheet contained a listing of Frederick's sons and their progeny. I quote, "Valentine had 3 sons, viz. Valentine who was shot by an Indian on a Sunday morning in his orchard near Springfield, Ohio. Jacob went to Lancaster County, PA. William father of Christian, William, and Mrs. John Longenecker lived and died in Derry Twp." In the meantime, I have also found a daughter Elizabeth who married Jacob Earnest.

In 1783, Valentine Hummel lived near Indian Echo Cave, which was described as being behind Valentine Hummel's house. In 1794, Mordecai Lincoln, great-grand-father of Abraham, sold his inn in Hummelstown to Valentine Hummel of Derry Twp., innkeeper. Mordecai had purchased the property in 1787 from Peter and Eva Hummel Friedle, Valentine's sister and her husband. Valentine died in 1802 shortly before his brother Frederick but I found no will for him in Dauphin or Lancaster County and I cannot find him listed in the 1800 census for Pennsylvania. However, in Oct. 1802 he was buried in the Lutheran churchyard.

Eva Hummel married Peter Friedle before the Revolution and they had 4 children baptized in Zion Lutheran Church. On Jan. 4, 1787 they sold their property to Mordecai Lincoln and shortly thereafter moved to Harrisburg. I have not been able to locate a will or burial place for the Friedles altho' Egle's book "Notes and Queries" said Peter died at Harrisburg on April 17, 1823. Supposedly they operated an inn in Harrisburg.

Major Frederick was the third child and the best known of the Hummel sons, however, in many records he has been confused with his father and with his nephew Frederick, son of David. Both the Major and his nephew are referred to as Fred, Jr. further compounding the problem. Frederick served in the Revolution and later served as a major in the 2nd Rgt. Pa. Militia and was called to duty during the Whiskey Rebellion. Frederick married Rachel Rickert in 1779, not long after his father's death and they had 9 children, 8 of whom were living when Major Fred died. Frederick was quite a property holder. His estate listed (1) 1 tract of land of approximately 75 acres which includes a part of Hummelstown bounded by lands of Jacob Grove and of heirs of David Hummel, dec'd and by the Swatara Creek. (2) 1 tract of 113 acres bounded by lands of Adam Hamaker, Adam Hocker, and Andrew \_\_\_\_\_. (3) 1 tract of 22 acres bounded by lands of Abraham Brandt, Christopher Bower, Philip Soerich and others which was south of town on the road to Middletown. (4) Six lots of ground in town, #16, 17, 30, 31, 40, and ?. Lot #17 on the SW corner of the market square contained a large square log house and in 1803 this property was valued at \$483 ready money in gold or silver. Frederick named this wife and son Jacob as executors of his estate. In 1805 they made available for distribution 876 pounds 14 shillings 11 pence and 3 farthings but when the estate was finally settled in 1815 there were better than 4440 pounds for distribution. Jacob was given first choice of the properties and apparently selected land in what became Stoverdale. Descendants of this Frederick included Homer Hummel Strickler, many of the Balsbaughs and Whislars and the

forebears of John Paul Hummel and his family. One of his descendants was Valentine Hummel who was a member of the firm that published the Morgenroethe, the German language newspaper in Harrisburg and was also Dauphin County Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds as well as a member of the Harrisburg School Board. One of Valentine's grandsons was Leonard Hummel Kinnard, President of Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

It is from Frederick's line also that Valentine Hummel Berghaus comes. He was named for and is a descendent of Judge Valentine Hummel who at one time was burgess of Harrisburg and represented Dauphin County in the State Legislature.

When Major Frederick's daughter Rosina died in 1877, the estate notice requested that all persons indebted to her for the ground rent should pay on or before Feb. 21. In March 1877, a sale was held and I quote the Hummelstown Sun, "The ground rent to which the greater portion of town is subject was purchased by the Messrs. Jas. Hayes and David Dipner for \$941 and the incumbrance will now be speedily removed." Thus ended the rent which Rosina's grandfather had imposed 115 years before.

David was the fourth child and the husband of Mary Toot whose father owned an inn and ferry at Middletown. Legend says he served as a drummer boy in the Revolutionary Army and was the first of the "Drummer Daves". David was also quite a property holder and when he died in 1795 at the age of 34, he left his wife and 6 children well provided for. David's wife lived until just after the Civil War in a house on the Square where later the Farmer's Bank stood. Mary's grandson, George Toot Hummel acquired this property. Whether he built the house before she died, I do not know but in 1877 the Hummelstown Sun referred to the "Large and magnificent mansion which contained 16 rooms, had an indoor bathroom, warm and cold water and was the first place in town to be illuminated by gas". The house was valued at \$8500 in 1875.

David's son David became Treasurer of Dauphin County and was later a County Commissioner. Among the descendants of this David are the Stackpoles - Generals Edward and Bill. One edited the Harrisburg Telegraph and the other owned the Harrisburg radio and TV station but Edward is best known nationally for his publishing house which specializes in printing historical books.

David's descendent deserve a discourse all their own which I won't go into now except to mention the one I would most like to have known. That is Adam Hummel Baum whose parents owned the Cross Keys Hotel - now the Warwick. From this vantage point in the Square - with one of the town pumps in front of the hotel - Adam watched the comings and goings of the town and later wrote these stories which we hope to see republished this Bicentennial year. Incidentally, if you haven't ordered your copy please see Mrs. Hall before you leave. You may be interested in a little tidbit I discovered about Adam's sisters, Sarah and Lena. These "girls" never married but helped their brother David run the hotel. In the 30 years between 1850 and 1880 censuses the "girls" aged a total of 19 years. Their nearest accurate age shows in the 1860 census when their cousin Jessie B. Hummel was the census taker. Lena apparently became more vain with time because she only aged 1 year between 1870 and 1880. Meanwhile, David went ahead and declared his true age - which proved that the mistake was not made by the census taker!

Next came Rosina and Hummelstown had its own version of the Scarlet Letter with Rosina in the role of Hester Prynne. The culprit, however was not the minister but the schoolmaster, David Eckstein. As far as I can ascertain, David Eckstein never acknowledged his son David but shortly after David Eckstein's death, when the child was about 7 years old, Rosina had him baptized in Zion Lutheran Church. I have found no record of Rosina after this baptism. As far as I can tell she is not buried in the Lutheran graveyard and there is no will or estate administration for her. She would have been 46 years old when the child was baptized. She may have left the area or married late.

Catherine was the oldest of Frederick's children with Barbara Blessing and was obviously able to take care of herself. She was married at least 3 times. Her first marriage was to John Wetherholt who died before Jan. 18, 1797 because on that date, Catherine appeared in the Orphan's Court to settle her account as administratrix of his estate and by that time she had remarried. No Wetherholt children are mentioned in the Court proceedings. In 1802, Catherine and her second husband, Michael Radebach, had a daughter christened whom they named Rebecca and a son followed in Dec. 1803. My next record of the Radebachs comes from the Docket of Andrew Alexander, Justice of the Peace in Hummelstown. On April 19, 1804, Michael Radebach swore that he heard John Shaeffer swear 17 profane oaths the day before in Hummelstown. John Shaeffer was adjudged to pay for the use of the poor of Derry Twp. the sum of .67 for each of the said profane oaths. The fine of \$11.39 which included costs was paid in full. However, on April 23, 1804, 4 days later, in Justice Alexander's Court, John Shaeffer swore that he heard Katherine Radebach swear two profane oaths this day in her own home in Hummelstown. Same day her husband, Michael Radebach, paid 10 shillings in full for the fine. The conversation at the Radebach dinner that night was probably very interesting - provided Michael went home for dinner! On May 5, 1814 Catherine Retmeyer, late Catherine Radebach widow, was back in Orphan's Court requesting that her husband, Henry Retmeyer, be made guardian of 4 Radebach children, two of which were probably Michael's by an earlier marriage. At this point I have lost track of Catherine.

Christian followed Catherine and has left probably the most descendants in the Hummelstown area altho' the line has been pretty much "daughtered out" as the Dutch would say. It is from Christian that the Reigles and Deimlers come into the family. Many of Christian's descendants lived in the Chamber Hill area and in Steelton and Middletown. Local descendants are Charles Hummel and Mrs. Sarah Jane Seavers. One of this line is Carroll Kinley, Hummelstown's most decorated veteran of World War II. It is also from Christian that the second "Drummer Dave" appears. He married Barbara Sheir and they had 8 sons and a daughter. All of the sons were in the Civil War and one of them was Capt. David Hummel, Buss Hummel's grandfather and my great-grandfather. Another son was Alfred Hummel, whose granddaughter is here tonight. Alfred was the contractor for the Lutheran Church which was built in 1855. He was also the father-in-law of William Hendricks, the founder and first editor of the Hummelstown Sun. David and Barbara's only daughter was Annie who married Thomas Jacks. Bill Jacks is her grandson and the mayor of Hummelstown is one of her descendants.

Frederick's youngest son was John who married Esther Minsker, a descendent of the famous Ludwig Minsker from Clarks Valley. Ester and John had 11 children, all baptized in Zion Lutheran Church. John died on his birthday in 1832 and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery. Esther died in 1853 without



remarrying, but she is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Campbelltown. Most of John's descendants lived in Lebanon County and do not appear on the sheets because I have done very little work there.

The youngest child of Frederick was Elizabeth Barbara who was only 2 years old when her father died. She married Nicholas Singer and settled in Hummelstown where they had at least 7 children. For some reason Barbara left the Lutheran Church to join the Reformed and for many years her descendants were active there. Nicholas and Barbara are buried in the Hummelstown cemetery along with some of their children. I don't know whether any of her family still live in Hummelstown but the 1900 census listed several of them in Middle Paxton Twp..

In doing a genealogy, scoffers often laugh and say, "How many were hung?" Well, of the descendants I can identify, none has been hung. Invariably, those in the know will ask about Josiah Hummel, one of the "blue-eyed six" in the famous Lebanon County murder case. Josiah was the son of David and Elizabeth Hummel of Union Twp., Lebanon County. He was born near Pine Grove and is buried at Sattazahn's Meeting House. As far as I can tell, he is a product of the Berks County Hummels.

It would take many hours to tell you of the accomplishments of all the Hummels, but I do want to call your attention to the Hummel women. In an age when women were considered chattels, Hummel women were educated and considered wise enough to be appointed executors of wills and guardians of children. In later generations they haven't aspired to be leaders of society but we find their names among the church workers, as leaders in the educational field, as nurses, and as scientists along with their occupations of wives and mothers.

To date I have identified approximately 4000 people who can be considered part of the Frederick Hummel family. I have found at least 3 Army Generals, 21 Medical Doctors, 18 Doctors of Philosophy, 12 Ministers, 3 Judges, 5 Legislators, 12 Bankers, 20 Scientists, and innumerable railroaders, teachers, farmers, and nurses. They represent a veritable cross section of America that all started right here in Derry Twp. and Hummelstown. The Hummels - God Bless 1Em!

# NOTES ON HUMMEL FAMILY

Based on information supplied by Mae Hummel Eisenbauer I have found the data given here on the earlier generations of the Elias Hummel family. Although the material is not complete, I am sending it along in the hope that it will remind people of things that will fill in the gaps. Janet Welsh 9 Sept. 1978

1. William Hummel b. 1817 m Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1821. Lived in Bethel Township and in Frystown, Berks County.
  1. Ephraim Hummel b. 1840 m Lydia \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1842
    1. Alice Hummel b. 1871
    2. Annie Hummel b. 1866 m 10/14/1893 George Spangler
  2. Ezra Hummel b. 1851 m Fianna \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1851
    1. Lillie I. Hummel b. 1873 m 5/24/1890 Frank Glick
    2. Permilla Hummel b. 1879 m 12/11/1897 Timothy Tobias
      1. Ezra J. Tobias (1899 - 2/16/1973) m \_\_\_\_\_
        1. Ray Tobias
        2. Kenneth Tobias
        3. Geraldine Tobias m \_\_\_\_\_ Kurtz
        4. Warren Tobias
        5. Catherine Tobias m Earl Foltz
        6. Charles Tobias
        7. Wayne Tobias
        8. Arthur Tobias
        9. Janet Tobias m David Anspach
        10. Grant Tobias
        11. Margaret Tobias m Guy Fessler
      2. Amanda Tobias m \_\_\_\_\_ Miller
      3. Lilly Tobias m \_\_\_\_\_ Moore
      4. Katie Tobias m \_\_\_\_\_ Smith
3. Elias Hummel b. 1853 m (1) Eliza Fortna  
m (2) Amelia Oxenrider  
(see separate listing for their family)
4. Lavina Hummel b. 1855
5. Louisa Hummel b. 1857 m \_\_\_\_\_ Hauer
  1. Roxie Hauer m John Shaud
6. Franklin C. Hummel (4/17/1859 - 7/29/1925) m \_\_\_\_\_
  1. John L. Hummel (6/8/1894 - 12/11/1963) m Helen Gruber b. 8/17/1887
  1. Harold F. C. Hummel b. 1914 m 4/4/1936 Sara E. Peters b. 1917
7. Moses Hummel b. 1862 m 6/11/1887 Emma Weirich

# ELIAS HUMMEL FAMILY

1. Elias Hummel b. 1853 m (1) Eliza Fortna (1848 - 1883)

1. Mary L. Hummel b. 1877 m 1/29/1898 George H. Leisey b. 1878

1. Elias Leisey m (1) Bortha Zeigler

1. Violet Leisey m Frank Stauffer

1. Helen Stauffer

2. Joan Stauffer

Elias m (2) Anna Enaphias (no children)

2. Elias Henry Hummel (4/5/1883 - 1953) m 7/25/1903 Amelia Catherine Boyer  
( 7/17/1883 - 1971)

1. William Henry Hummel b. 2/23/1904 m Lilly Fidler

1. Edna Hummel m Richard Collemacine

1. Richard Collemacine, Jr.

2. Cheryl Collemacine

2. Jacqueline Hummel m Joseph Dilger

1. Jon Dilger

2. Gail Dilger

3. Patricia Dilger

3. Dorothy Hummel m James Frazier

1. Michael Frazier m Sue \_\_\_\_\_

1. Melissa Frazier

2. Patricia Frazier

4. Edward Hummel m Eloise \_\_\_\_\_

1. Thomas Hummel

5. Richard Dale Hummel m Betty Lou \_\_\_\_\_

1. Richard Dale Hummel, Jr.

2. Kathy Lynn Hummel

3. Dawn Marie Hummel

4. Kristin Yvonne Hummel

6. Leroy James Hummel m Mary Ellen \_\_\_\_\_

1. Leroy James Hummel, Jr.

2. LeAnn Jo Hummel

3. Beth Marie Hummel

7. Amelia Ann Hummel m Donald David Peiffer

1. Donna Marie Peiffer

2. Brenda Lee Peiffer

3. Cindy Lou Peiffer

4. Randolph Scott Peiffer

5. William Raymond Peiffer

6. Donald David Peiffer, Jr.

8. William Hummel m \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mae Catherine Hummel b. 4/27/1905 m 2/3/1923 Frank Eisenhower b. 1905

1. Frank Eisenhower, Jr. b. 7/13/1924 m (1) Marie Strunk

1. Samuel Eisenhower b. 2/10/1941 m Janice Wanchalk 1/30/1964

1. Scott Eisenhower b. 7/30/1962

2. Faith Eisenhower b. 12/22/1963

2. Terry Eisenhower m Alice Yost

1. Terry Eisenhower, Jr.

2. Timothy Eisenhower

3. Tina Eisenhower

3. Frank Eisenhower III 11/25/1944 m Carolyn Shuey 8/6/1944

1. Tace Eisenhower b. 10/8/1963

2. William Eisenhower b. 5/30/1968

4. Richard Eisenhauer m Margaret Hummel  
 1. Robert Eisenhauer  
 2. Kevin Eisenhauer  
 3. Sherri Eisenhauer  
 Frank, Jr. 7/13/1924 m Frances Hoffman  
 2. Eloise Eisenhauer 12/22/1927 m Roy Snavelly 10/22/1921  
 1. Leroy Snavelly 10/5/1944 m Susan Krichbaum  
 1. Jill Snavelly 12/10/1967  
 2. Suann Snavelly 9/1/1971  
 3. Thomas Snavelly 1/23/1973  
 2. Thomas Snavelly 9/10/1948 m Elaine Brain  
 1. Wendy Snavelly 8/31/1974  
 3. Eugene Eisenhauer 12/15/1929 m Rose George 2/27/1936  
 1. Eugene Eisenhauer, Jr. 12/29/1955  
 2. Dennis Eisenhauer 2/27/1957 m Vicki Knoche - *son - Dennis*  
 4. Jack Eisenhauer 9/10/1932 m 1/1955 Suzanne Moran 1/23/1937  
 1. Denise Renee Eisenhauer 4/23/1957  
 2. Colette Louise Eisenhauer 8/26/1960  
 3. Bradley William Eisenhauer 3/15/1963  
 4. Mary K. Eisenhauer 10/7/1964  
 5. Jacqueline Sue Eisenhauer 6/8/1967  
 5. Jay Eisenhauer 5/1/1937 m 9/21/1957 Marlene May 5/9/1937  
 1. Jay Eisenhauer, Jr. 8/28/1958  
 2. Gregory Eisenhauer 2/12/1962  
 6. Frances Eisenhauer 4/13/1939 m James Hetrick  
 1. Michael Hetrick 6/3/1963  
 2. Lisa Hetrick 7/26/1965  
 3. Andrew Hetrick 9/19/1970  
 4. Corey Hetrick 1/14/1974 *1979*  
 3. Mabel Arabella Hummel 5/31/1906 m 8/18/1924 (1) Calvin Mader 1903  
 Robert Lee Lenich 7/26/1939 m Marion (Gingrich) Wilson 3/18/1927  
 Gwen 2/6/1951 (stepdaughter) m Melvin Martin  
 1. Wendy Martin *4. Tammy*  
 2. Heather Martin  
 3. Melissa Martin  
 1. Robert Emerson Lenich 4/25/1962  
 2. Christopher Lenich 1/4/1967  
 1. Anna Mader 5/22/1925 m (1) Richard Snyder  
 1. Terry Snyder 12/25/1941  
 Anna m (2) John Kalmanir 12/26/1920 *EDITH*  
 1. John Kalmanir, Jr. 12/1/1947 m ~~Edee~~ Schmidt 4/11/1947  
 1. Robert Kalmanir 2/9/1971 *3. JOSEPH KALMANIR*  
 2. Janet Kalmanir 6/21/1977 *2/180*  
 2. Rebecca Kalmanir 4/14/1953  
 3. Timothy Kalmanir 12/26/1944 *wife ROBERTA J. KALMANIR*  
 4. Robert Kalmanir 1/13/1956 *DAUGHTER - JAMIE*  
 5. Daniel Kalmanir 11/29/1958 *wife* *MELISSA*  
 6. David Kalmanir 2/12/1966 *11/20*  
 2. Mabel Mader 6/24/- m (1) Joseph George Rodkey  
 1. Joseph Richard Rodkey 2/9/1947 m Jackie *HANAUOLT*  
 1. Vincent Rodkey 12/26/1966  
 2. Victor Rodkey 11/2/1967  
 Joseph m (2) Dorsee Bennett  
 2. Jeffrey Rodkey 3/20/1957 m Jamie Talley - *wife*  
 1. Heather Jo Rodkey 3/10/1974 *DAUGHTER - KEN*  
 3. Vicki Lynn Rodkey 8/12/1952  
 Mabel Mader m (2) Robert Gladney  
 Mabel Arabella Hummel 5/31/1906 m (2) McCLURE Sipe



4. Charles Clifford Hummel 8/27/1907 m Mary Coble (no children)
5. Mary Violet Hummel 4/5/1909 m 6/13/1936 Jacob Daniel Brown 10/19/1905
  1. Jacob Daniel Brown, Jr. 5/15/1939 m 8/18/1963 Faye Shalby 8/26/1939
    1. Jacob Daniel Brown, III 6/11/1966
    2. Scott Brown 3/22/1968
    3. Douglass Brown 7/17/1972
  2. Joan Catherine twins born 1/6/1947; lived 3 days
  3. William Henry *Died March 28, 1980*
6. Isabelle Irene Hummel 8/20/1910 m 4/14/1937 John A. Blessing 11/26/1913
  1. John A. Blessing, Jr. 8/19/1941 m (1) Janet Kay Edinger
    1. John A. Blessing III 6/1/1959
    2. Michael A. Blessing 7/31/1962
    3. David A. Blessing 12/6/1965
  - John A. Jr. m 6/4/1972 Mary Eleanor Miller 7/31/1949
    - Robert Charles Miller 12/25/1965 (stepson)
    1. Susan Ann Blessing 2/15/1978
7. Elias Richard Hummel (7/2/1912 - 6/30/1973) m 4/3/1937 Lena Harriet Krone b. 1912 (no children)
8. Dorothy Boyer Hummel 1/31/1915 m 3/16/1935 Earl Stewart Lerley 6/30/1915
  1. Larry Earl Lerley 6/13/1936 m 9/4/1962 Wilma Jean Coursey 7/6/42
    1. Michael Earl Lerley 10/3/1964
    2. Karen Sue Lerley 12/11/1965
9. Anna Amelia Hummel 10/14/1918 m 7/23/1938 James B. Finegan 10/31/1919
  1. James B. Finegan, Jr. 10/30/1939 m Janet *Died Sept 28, 1978* Osterberg
  2. Terrance Finegan 7/16/1941 m (1) Mona Perelli
    1. Terrance Finegan, Jr. 6/20/-
    2. Sean Finegan 8/31/-
    3. Michelle Finegan
    4. Shannon Finegan
  - Terrance m (2) Nancy Hughes 8/14/-
    - Jennifer Hughes 12/20/1966 (stepdaughter)
    1. Erin Finegan (son) 8/-/1975
  3. Maureen Finegan 4/27/1948 m Larue Dean Fromm 7/16/1934
    1. Fredrich Fromm 11/27/1966
    2. Kristina Fromm 11/7/1968
    3. Jason Fromm 3/14/1970
    4. James Fromm 3/14/1972