

Calvin Clark Cummins Genealogical Research Collection Biographical Notes

Calvin Clark Cummins, age 83, died unexpectedly of complications of pneumonia on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, Ozaukee campus, Mequon surrounded by his loving family. A long-time resident of Whitefish Bay, he was born in Toledo, Ohio on February 19, 1925, son of Walter C. Cummins and Mary Louise Klein. Cal graduated from Waite High School in Toledo then entered Marquette University's naval training program completed in three years for a degree in Electrical Engineering. As a naval officer, he served in the South Pacific. Following the service he studied at Purdue University and was recruited by the Louis Allis Company, Milwaukee, as an engineer where he spent 38 years, retiring in 1985 as Vice-President of Engineering.

During his years at Louis Allis, Cal represented his firm at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association and served briefly on their Board of Governors. He also represented NEMA to the international IEC where he was involved with several working committees. He frequently traveled internationally.

Locally, Cal was involved in Boy Scouts' activities as assistant to Clem Purtell working with Troop 390 at St. Monica's school in Whitefish Bay. Every boy in the troop attained Eagle rank as eighth-graders. Cal loved camping with the boys just as he had with his parents.

His other passions were sailing on Lake Michigan, travel, attending the symphony and ballet, and volunteering at the Irish Emigration Library at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center in downtown Milwaukee. There he investigated Irish record resources and cataloged over 200 CDs with instructions for patrons' use in researching their own Irish roots. He was a member of the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin and had also served on the board of the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society. In addition, he co-founded the Milwaukee Area PAF group.

(Information provided by Doris V. Cummins)

Calvin Clark Cummins Genealogical Research Collection Scope and Contents Notes

When Cal Cummins began researching his Irish and German roots in the 1980s, he had no idea of the wonderful adventures he was embarking upon nor the interesting people, both previously unknown family members, and new friends that he would make in the next quarter of a century pursuing his retirement hobby. Not only did he travel to many different U. S. state archives and libraries as well as northern and southern battlefields, but his research took the Cummins to Pfaffenhofen, a small village in Germany, and to Counties Leitrim, Roscommon, Wexford, Tipperary and Dublin, Ireland. Slovenia was a research destination for wife, Doris, too.

Cal debated with himself on how best to share the fruits of his research labor but didn't care to write a scholarly book. He decided the best way to encourage the involvement of his extended family was by self-publishing a newsletter. Thus began the occasional publication ("as the Spirit moved him," he often said) of two differing newsletters, one devoted to German research titled "Von Pfaffenhofen" first issued April 20, 1988 with the final issue now titled "Reflections" in July 2003 and the other publication devoted to Irish research titled, "Cummins/Clark Capers" which evolved into "Cummins/Clark Chronicles" first issued July 27, 1988 with the final issue published in the merged newsletter, "Reflections" in April 1998. The newsletters contained reproductions of historical documents, family tree charts, travel encounters, and fascinating glimpses into the lives of family members and their immigrant experience, the kind of information family historians relish. The mailing list grew.

In 1999 Cal also created a CD-rom titled "Reflections" which captured the essence of his many years of research which again included family tree charts, Descendancy charts, historical documents, vital records, passenger lists, military records, church records and many photographs and personal anecdotes about ancestors he cherished. He included this CD in many of the presentations he gave to various genealogy societies and in the class he taught for many years on organizing family research for the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society.

Cal was a board member from MCGS and instrumental in initiating the computer resources the Society donated to the Milwaukee Public Library. He was also a Board member and active volunteer in the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin, particularly in the Irish Emigration Library sponsored by IGSW where Cal researched relevant Irish research computer resources, then wrote instructions for patron use. At the time of his death, he had accomplished this task for well over 250 CDs which greatly enhanced the Library's diverse collection of books, maps and other microforms.

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The collection of Cal Cummins' research was received by the Local History & Genealogy Department, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in November 2010. Much of his collection was housed in 3-ring binders which were removed from the binders and placed in acid-free folders. The folders were labeled as the binders were labeled. The box of file folders were re-housed in acid-free folders, labeled the same as the original folders and kept in the same order as they were in the box.

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Box 1

- Folder 1 Newsletters: Cummins/Clark Chronicles; Reflections; Von Pfaffenhofen
- Folder 2 Reflections, 1999 (print-out of CD-rom)
- Folder 3 Reflections, 1999 (CD-rom)
- Folder 4 Document File System Explanation
- Folder 5 Irish Birth/Baptism and Marriage, Books 1 & 2
- Folder 6 Irish Death-Obituary-Burial, Books 3, 4, & 5
- Folder 7 Irish Wills and Pensions, Books 6 & 7
- Folder 8 Irish Military and Emigration, Books 8 & 9
- Folder 9 Irish ? German Residence, Book 10
- Folder 10 Irish Census, Book 11
- Folder 11 Irish Land Records, Book 12
- Folder 12 German Birth/Baptism Marriage Death Obituary Burial, Books 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
- Folder 13 German Wills, Pensions, Military & Emigration, Books 6, 7, 8, & 9
- Folder 14 German Census, Book 11
- Folder 15 German Family Group, Book 14
- Folder 16 Irish / German Miscellaneous Documents, Book 25
- Folder 17 Christy Family Sep 1993 Research Data
- Folder 18 Pfaffenhofen Church Records, Book 1
- Folder 19 Pfaffenhofen Church Records, Book 2
- Folder 20 Pedigree Charts From Martina Data & Correspondence
- Folder 21 Martina Data Entered
- Folder 22 Toledo Research Data
- Folder 23 Hugh and Myles Christy Documents
- Folder 24 East Archives Documents October 1995

Box 2

- Folder 25 Search Plan Ireland September 1993
- Folder 26 Ireland Sep 1997 Cummins/Clark/Christy Roscommon/Leitrim
- Folder 27 Salt Lake Search Plan
- Folder 28 Wilmington Research June 1991
- Folder 29 Wilmington Cemetery [DE]
- Folder 30 Wall
- Folder 31 Irish Gazetteer
- Folder 32 Land Cummins
- Folder 33 Lenderman Census
- Folder 34 Census Index Lenderman
- Folder 35 Census Index Henderson
- Folder 36 H & H Co. [Harlan & Hollingsworth Co.]
- Folder 37 McGourty/Scanlon
- Folder 38 Marshall
- Folder 39 Hamm

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- Folder 40 Dublin Resources
- Folder 41 Harry Harding
- Folder 42 Roscommon Connection Society
- Folder 43 Lenderman – Madison
- Folder 44 Clark – Open
- Folder 45 Irish Names
- Folder 46 Robert Cummins Baltimore, MD
- Folder 47 Roscommon Heritage Center
- Folder 48 Alyssa Maloney (Clark Line)
- Folder 49 Primitive Baptist
- Folder 50 [Census – Butler & Henderson]
- Folder 51 Mexican War Butler
- Folder 52 East Archives Original Notes
- Folder 53 GLC Penn
- Folder 54 Mississippi
- Folder 55 Earl Cummins/Carol Cummins Wilmington
- Folder 56 Micham
- Folder 57 Jeanne Bowen
- Folder 58 Mizerny, Regina
- Folder 59 Hallauer, Larry
- Folder 60 Jim Hallauer
- Folder 61 Lecane
- Folder 62 Daphne Coon
- Folder 63 Bylow Terri Burke
- Folder 64 Hilewick (Bylow)
- Folder 65 Delaware County, PA
- Folder 66 Drumkeerin Originals
- Folder 67 Msgr Lynch Drumkerrin
- Folder 68 Clark & Christy Family Maps
- Folder 69 Christy/Shakespeare
- Folder 70 Leitrim Heritage Soc.
- Folder 71 Michael Thomas Christy Drumkerrin
- Folder 72 Crow Dunbar Salt Lake May 2000
- Folder 73 Lenderman Salt Lake May 2000
- Folder 74 Mary Earley
- Folder 75 Delaware Co. PA Republican Salt Lake May 2000
- Folder 76 Thorman Salt Lake May 2000
- Folder 77 Bauer
- Folder 78 Charles H. Line
- Folder 79 George W. Cummins Colley/Strealy Salt Lake May 2000
- Folder 80 Pfaffenhofen Notes June 1990
- Folder 81 Wilhelm Sautter Germany
- Folder 82 Koch

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- Folder 83 Sautter Complete
- Folder 84 Church Register Pfaffenhofen 1808-1879
- Folder 85 LDS Pfaffenhofen Films
- Folder 86 Koch Problem
- Folder 87 Pfaffenhofen Baptism
- Folder 88 Sautter-Family Group Pfaffenhofen
- Folder 89 Family Group Misc Pfaffenhofen
- Folder 90 Sautter
- Folder 91 For Review
- Folder 92 Schwarzkopf
- Folder 93 Klein
- Folder 94 Cross Index MRIN to Pfaffenhofen FGR
- Folder 95 Klein Family Group Sheets Pfaffenhofen
- Folder 96 Carol Flack
- Folder 97 Klein – Open
- Folder 98 Widmaier
- Folder 99 Bukhard
- Folder 100 Misc
- Folder 101 Bremen Passenger List Info
- Folder 102 Elizabeth Pray
- Folder 103 Schickner, Bernd
- Folder 104 Joy Melvin
- Folder 105 Evelyn Calgie
- Folder 106 Grandmother Klein to America
- Folder 107 Dahlke
- Folder 108 Helmuth Sautter
- Folder 109 Kleinschrod
- Folder 110 [Rogan]
- Folder 111 [Unlabeled]
- Folder 112 Green
- Folder 113 Davis, Gwendolyn
- Folder 114 WWI Draft Reg
- Folder 115 Botenheim Book