

CEMETERY NOTE:

Phillip Hoff/Huff (1743-1796) was probably born in Frederick County, Maryland. He married Rosina (Wertz?), and came to the German Settlement (Lovettsville) around 1781. Like many of the early German settlers, he was probably “squatting” on the land, since he was sued by the agent for Charles Bennett (a/k/a Earl of Tankerville) for trespass. A year later, Bennett gave Huff two parcels of land, one 50 acres, the other 84 acres, as leases for the lives of two of his sons, and two Wertz boys. Phillip died in 1796, and his wife Rosanna died soon after.

Among his known sons were **Phillip Jr.**, **George** (who married Elisabeth Wine and moved to Muskingum County, Ohio), and **Solomon**. Solomon married **Barbara Main**, and they had three daughters: **Catharina**, born 1811; a daughter who died at five weeks of age in 1813 (buried here); and **Elisabetha**, born in 1814. Catharina and Elisabetha were both baptized here. Solomon died 1814, at age 28, and he is also buried in the old cemetery, but his grave is not marked.

In 1832, Solomon’s daughter **Elizabeth Huff** married **William Hoover**, in Washington, D.C. They had a son John Thomas Hoover, who had a son Dickerson Hoover, who had a son named John Edgar Hoover—the controversial former FBI Director who was reportedly born in 1895. When he was 13 years old, J. Edgar Hoover was baptized at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in D.C., but a few years later he left and joined the Presbyterian church.



The marker for Phillip Huff, who died 9 March 1796, at age 53 years and 3 months.