

2006/05/17 RE; CHRISTIAN CRAMER TOMBSTONE ERROR

Hi, Bob [Kellner]. I have not seen this discrepancy before. There are 2 photos of Christian's tombstone in the CD-ROM of the C-K Book. In person that inscription is easy to read, as I mention on page 18 of the C-K Book. In the Photos, the "26" of Dec 26, 1779 is a little difficult to read. The Oct 10, 1852 is easy to read. Also the age of 72 years 9 mos 15 days is easy to read and compares well with a date calculated by Family Tree Maker Program of 72 yrs 10 mos 14 days.

You are right to question things. No genealogy as large as this one ie error free.

Who is the author of the Somerset Co. Book of Cemetery Records? Probably Della R. Fischer?

I just checked my two CDs of Vital Records. The 2nd Ed. of "Somerset Co. PA Families: Early Vital Records" has two Refs to Christian's dates. One is to an article in LM & one is to my reading of the Tombstone. The LM article date is from my reading.

In "WPA Cemetery Readings: A ReCompilation," they have not recorded the entire stone. It only says, " Died Dec. 26, 1852 aged 72 years 9 mos 15 days." They left off the birth year date and transposed the month & day of the birth year date onto the death date. The WPA CD contains images of the original WPA pages, so the incorrect reading is what they did record. This is probably the source of the error you found.

With 50,000 entries in the Vital Records CD & 39,000 in the WPA database there is no way that I could intercompare them all.

Ora F.

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Dear Ora,

I was doing some research on my ancestors yesterday at the Pa State Library.

In the Somerset County Book of Cemetery records, they have the tombstone inscription of Christian Cramer stating that he died 12/26/1852 at age 72y, 9m, 15days. This would make his birth date approx. March 11, 1780. The C-K book has his dates as 12/26/1779 to 10/10/1852. Have you run across this discrepancy before? No big deal but I just want my paperwork to be as accurate as possible.

Let me know.

Best regards,

Bob Kellner