

Dielman Kolb Family Research Resources (Part 1)

Hi KKC Extended Family,

I wanted to briefly write about two documents most familiar with descendants of the five sons Dielman Kolb, of Wolfsheim, Germany, that came to America. The first I will cover in this post, followed by the second in a week or so.

I think most know of David Kolb Cassel's work, *The Kulp Family History*, published in 1895. The work of researching and collecting the information in the book was actually started by his brother, Samuel K. Cassel (1826-1891). Samuel had also started a genealogical history of the Cassel family. But with failing health, he asked his older brother David to take over and finish these works. David not only published the genealogical works of the Kolb (1895) and Cassel (1896) Families, but also the Rittenhouse Family (1897) and a work entitled "*History of the Mennonites*," published before the others in 1888, which was written in both English and German. David Cassel died in 1898 at the age of 77.

The actual title if *The Kulp Family History* book is, "*A Genealogical History of the Kolb, Kulp or Culp Family and Its Branches in America with Biographical Sketches of their Descendants from the Earliest Available Record from 1707 to the Present Time, including Dielman Kolb in Germany with Portraits and Other Illustrations.*" Quite a mouthful! It was reprinted in 1990, by Glenn Landis, the genealogist for many years of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association.

Kulp Family History provides a detailed, but far from complete, 8 or 9 generation genealogy for Kolb brothers Martin, Jacob, Heinrich, and Dielman, Jr. Of Johannes, who left Pennsylvania and settled in South Carolina, there is a biographical sketch of him and some descendants, with some correspondence with Johannes's descendants, but no detailed list like the others. It may not be totally accurate, but this was probably as best that could be hoped for in the 1890s, as the information was based on personal recollections, family Bibles, looking at church archives, and sorting through public records, etc. It also has some information on other Kolb families. Cassel stated in the Preface: "*it (this book) should have been begun years ago, while there were yet living those of the third generation, who could of given more satisfactory information of the early ancestors that would have been of great interest and value to the work, but which with their demise is lost forever.*"

If you haven't looked through it lately, please check out its detail, biographical information and sketches. Here is a link to the book on archive.org:

<https://archive.org/details/agenealogicalhis00cass/mode/2up>

Thanks,

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P.S. Be sure to follow the website (<http://kolb-kulp-culp.org>) as we get that developed and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kolb-Kulp-Culp-Family-Reunion-111440337655136>).