

Hi Kolb-Kulp-Culp Extended Family,

Just wanted to wish you all a very happy and safe Independence Day!

This is always a good time to reflect on our country's founding. Sometimes, I don't think we appreciate how difficult it was to break away from England. And how close, on several occasions, Washington's Army was nearly captured or destroyed. Some believe it Divine intervention, others think it just luck. Either way, we need to thank those regulars, minutemen and volunteers for their many sacrifices without which they would not have bestowed such a great country to us.

Many of you are probably uncertain if a Kolb in your ancestry defied their Mennonite roots and took up arms against the Crown. In my own line from Jacob, it doesn't appear that Isaac (the strong) Kolb of Gwynedd joined the revolution, but I have not dug very hard to confirm that fact.

But there are a few. There is documentation of a descendant to Johannes Kolb who joined the revolutionary army in South Carolina in Cassel's Kulp Family History, starting on page 543. His name was Abel Kolb and he rose to the rank of Colonel. He was well respected and there is quite a story of his death as related in Cassel.

Here is a link to those pages (Abel's story begins at the bottom of the page):

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89061952909&view=1up&seq=605&skin=2021>

My thanks to Frank Kolb for pointing that story out to me.

Please let me know if you have any revolutionary veterans in your line.

Take care,

Jack Oberholtzer