

**Daniel Kolb Cassel, Part 1**

Hi KKC Extended Family,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer!

I started to write about Daniel Kolb Cassel, author of the Kulp Family History book, thinking it would be a quick and easy topic, but the more I dug, the more I found. So, this will be a three-newsletter topic. I hope you find it interesting. Links to the sources I used for the whole paper on Cassel follow the article.

As always, please send me your questions, corrections, comments, and suggestions.

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**Daniel Kolb Cassel** (1820-1898) was born on April 22, 1820, on the family farm in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

His father, **Jacob Clemens Cassel** (1792-1878), was a fifth-generation farmer and weaver on the same plot of ground near Schwenksville originally purchased by **Hurbert Cassel** around 1730. Jacob married **Wilhelmina Kolb** (1800-1876) on 7 March 1819, and they had four sons: **Daniel** (1820-1898), **Abraham** (1822-1892), **Samuel** (1826-1891) and **Jacob** (1834-1907). Jacob, the father, also served a term on the School Board in Upper Salford school district. Both were Mennonites and are buried at Salford Mennonite Church.

Always eager to learn, Daniel taught himself many subjects. Growing up, was employed on his father's farm and learned the art of linen weaving from his father. He received the limited education the county schools afforded during that time period, about forty to fifty days a year, just basic reading, writing and arithmetic. But he devoted his leisure time, often till midnight, in studying his lessons, so he actually acquired more knowledge through his own efforts at home than in school. At the age of nineteen, he was urged by and accepted the residents request to take charge of his neighborhood school. But he soon felt inadequate in his ability, and at the close of the term, he entered a select school for one term. He then returned and taught in the public schools around Norristown for twenty years. He continued his extra studies, in order to enable him to teach the more advanced lessons in grammar, geography, and the higher branches of mathematics. Daniel also served in his School Board four years. During that time, he was urged to accept the office of County Superintendent of the Public Schools, which he declined.

When he was 25, Daniel Cassel married **Elizabeth A. Kolb** (1825-1925) on 17 September 1845 and they lived in Lower Salford Township for many years before moving to Philadelphia by 1880. The couple had three sons: Simeon (1846-1920), Jonas (1849- ), and Abel (1852-1926).

Daniel was also active in Sunday school work and, around 1855, organized a Sunday school below Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pa. offering the first Sunday school in the vicinity. He also organized a German Sunday school at Chester, Delaware County, Pa. with success.

To be continued in the next KKC Newsletter.....

Until then, the sources used for this biography are listed below:

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