

**Daniel Kolb Cassel, Part 2**

Hi KKC Extended Family,

This is Daniel Kolb Cassel, Part 2, followed by the links to the sources I used for the whole paper on Cassel, follow the article.

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During his lifetime, Daniel Kolb Cassel identified as having several different occupations, which included: a farmer (1950 census), teacher at the community school (1860 census), tailor (1963 draft registration), and carpet weaver (1880 census). His obituary notes he was a historian and genealogist, his primary focus in his later years.

The Cassel library included a large collection of Bibles and many rare manuscripts, news of which was actually reported in the several Pennsylvania newspapers of the time in December 1891. Listed were two old Bibles printed in Basel, Switzerland, one in 1778 and the other in 1798. He also had a fourth edition copy of a Martin Luther Bible, printed at Wittenburg in 1682. It contains marginal explanations of the Biblical Books by S. D. Hutteri and the introduction by the Theological Faculty at Wittenburg. The first edition of the work was printed in 1546. But the rarest volume in the collection was probably a copy of the Polyglott Bible. It was printed at Nuremburg, Germany, in 1599, by Elias Hutteri. This Bible is peculiar in that it presents the New Testament printed in twelve languages, namely: Syrian, Italian, Hebrew, Spanish, Greek, French, Latin, English, German, Danish, Bohemian and Polish. It is said that there is not another Bible of the same kind known to exist in America at that time, except at the New York Bible House.

As time went on, Daniel expanded his knowledge to languages. He probably grew-up knowing some of the Pennsylvania German dialect, so was conversant in English and German, but also learned Dutch and Holland and had the basics of Latin and French. This knowledge would greatly help in later in his genealogy research.

In his later years, Daniel turned his interests to history and genealogy. He was a member of the Historical Society of Montgomery County (Pennsylvania), and a life member of the American Archeological and Asiatic Association of Iowa. In 1893 he was appointed a delegate to the World's Fair Denominational Congress, one of the additional Congress' convened as part of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, also dubbed "The World's First Parliament of Religions."

He also published four rather monumental works:

In 1888, *History of the Mennonites*, in the English language, and later, the same revised, enlarged and printed in the German language in 1890. This he dedicated to William Ruddinghuysen (Rittenhouse), the first Mennonite Bishop in America.

In 1896, *A Genealogical History of the Cassel Family in America, Being the Descendants of Julius Kassel or Yelles Cassel, of Kreisheim, Baden, Germany*. Started by his brother, Samuel Cassel, it was turned over to Daniel after the former's health failed.

In 1895, *A Genealogical History of the Kolb, Kulp or Culp Family*. Also, started by his brother, Samuel Cassel, and turned over to Daniel after the former's health failed. It was dedicated to the memory of the descendants of Dielman Kolb.

In 1897, *The Family Record of David Rittenhouse*, by Daniel Cassel. David Rittenhouse (1732-1796) was a famous American astronomer, first director of the U.S. Mint, and great-grandson of William Rittenhouse.

To be continued in the next KKC Newsletter, how does this all connect?

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