

**Early Kolb Settler, Hans Casper Kolb (Part 2)**

Hi KKC Extended Family,

A continuation of the Hans Casper Kolb story..... I will post the entire story on the website.

Hope you find this interesting. As always, any corrects, comments, questions or suggestions are welcome.

**Looking forward to seeing you on June 8<sup>th</sup> for the next reunion, featuring Rodney Kulp and the family of Georg Michael Kolb!!**

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**Hans Casper Kolb** (changed to Culp) and family left Pennsylvania for the Carolinas in late 1753. Using the "Great Wagon Road,"<sup>8,9</sup> they left Philadelphia heading west for Lancaster, then curved their route to the south-southwest towards the Shenandoah Valley of western Virginia. Once at Roanoke, a path leading to the south-southeast took them into, what is now North Carolina and the road leading them to what is now Charlotte, east of the Catawba River and then further south into what is now South Carolina and Georgia. The Culps settled in what is now Chester County, SC, near the Catawba River that forms the county's eastern boundary (see attached map, with comparison with Johannes Kolb located in the Pee Dee Settlement).

The earliest land grant to Casper Culp was made on 20 February 1754 for 250 acres in Anson County, what was then North Carolina. But another warrant issued on 28 March 1753 to Archibald Armstrong for 200 acres on "...Beaver Dam Branch about three miles from Casper Culp's place" indicated he was there as early as 1753! Another land grant to Culp was recorded on 25 September 1754 for 987 acres on "...the Catawba river – including an island in the river..." (the Catawba River flows to the west of Charlotte through Central South Carolina and forms the eastern board of Chester County SC.)<sup>5</sup>

In 1762, Mecklenburg County, which also included present day Chester County was formed from Anson County (today in includes all of the city of Charlotte, in the middle of the Piedmont Plateau in the central southern part of NC.) In September 1764, Casper made two separate indentures (probably land leases) of 225 acres each to different men and noted "Free of Dower Rights", i.e. no widow rights, so Casper's wife died prior to 1764. In his will, he left his son, John, " – my Plantation on which I now live – " which was probably the 987 acres of land granted in 1754 (note: a square mile is 640 acres). It is not recorded what the Culps raised on their plantation, but the area was noted initially for their small farms and later for cotton and rice. By 1760s, there was a textile mill in Lando known as Walker's Mill.

Casper Culp passed away on 30 April 1770 at age 77. He is buried in Old Stone Cemetery, Fort Lawn, Chester County, SC.<sup>12</sup> He and his wife had four daughters and

five sons: Mary Taylor, Barbara McKinney, Margaret Brown, Cathren Lance; and Peter, Henry, Benjamin, Augustine and John.

A brief look at some of his children<sup>13</sup>:

Barbara Culp (1733-1782) born in Bucks County, PA, married William McKinney in 1761. During the Indian War, she was attacked by Cherokee Indians, stripped, scalped and left for dead, but survived and gave birth to daughter three months later. The couple had six children, one settling in Texas, another in Tennessee. Barbara's story is told by Elizabeth F. Ellet in her book, "Women of the American Revolution".<sup>10,11</sup>

Peter Culp (1740-1791) was born in PA. During Revolution, served under Captains George Neely and John Walker during 1781. Married and had six children in 1790 census.

Benjamin Culp (1741-1819) was born in PA. Settled in the Tinkers Creek Section of eastern Chester County. During the Revolution (in 1781?), served eleven days as a horseman under Capt. George Neely and provided beef for militia use. Married twice: Dorothy Obenchen and had two sons and two daughters; Mary Rachel Cline in 1787; had five children: William (moved to Alabama), Peter (a Baptist preacher who moved to Tennessee), Margaret, Sarah, Mary and Benjamin, Jr. (moved to Georgia).

Augustine Culp (1745 – 1800?) Born in PA. During the Revolution, he also served as horseman under Captains George Neely, John Walker and William Brocket during 1780 and 1781. Settled in Lancaster County, east of Catawba River. Married Agnes Carr and had six children. Two of his sons went to Missouri.

John Culp (1755-1809) born in SC. Lived settled in Cabarrus County, NC. Had six children: one son went to Alabama and a daughter went to Kentucky.

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# Charlotte, NC, in Mecklenburg County and Surrounding Counties with Insert Comparison to location of Johannes Kolb Settlement

