

Gettysburg, Pa.,
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Mr. Walter Lee Kauffman,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear friend and kinsman:-

Your recent letter containing the marriage certificate (copy) of John Coover, your grandfather, and Elizabeth Moler(in), is of unique interest. The addition of "in" to the bride's name is a feminine appellation, indicating that Elizabeth Molerin, (Mohler) is a feminine member of the Mohler family. Pastor Nicholas was quite fashionable when he appended the appellation to the bride's maiden name.

Both of your great-great grandfathers, John Dieterich Kober and Ludwig Mohler, maternal and paternal, came to America on the same boat, arriving together on the ship Thistle, Aug. 29, 1730, and were closely associated all through life.

The correct dates relative to Ludwig Mohler, taken from his tombstone located in the Mohler cemetery near Ephrata, Lancaster county, are as follows: Born April 4, 1696, died Jan. 6, 1754; his wife was born May 22, 1698, died Dec. 23, 1774.

Your grandfather, John Coover, named after his grandfather, John Dieterich Kober, was born Feb. 22, 1787, died May 13, 1862, dates taken from his tombstone in Barbace cemetery. John Dieterich Kober was born in 1703, died in 1791; his wife, Anna Catharina died in 1782, nine years before her husband; her birth date is unknown, and her maiden name was most likely Anna Catharina Hoffman, being sister to John Egedius Hoffman who with his wife stood sponsors for two of John Dieterich Kober's children, namely: John Egedius Kober, the name Egedius being later anglicized to Gideon, and John George Kober, who is your great grandfather. According to the baptismal record of the Lutheran immigrant pastor, the Rev. John Casper Stoeber, these two children besides three other children of the family of John Dieterich Kober, were baptized at or near Lebanon, Pa. In regard to the Cedar Springs' farm there seems to be some confusion as to ownership. That was the home of Gideon Kober (Coover), and his son Jacob Coover; said Gideon was an elder brother of George Kober, your great grandfather.

Gideon and his son Jacob are buried in St. John's cemetery adjacent to old Peace Church of 1798. Jacob cared for his father Gideon, and John Coover cared for his father George in their old age. George Kober and his son John Coover are buried as you well know in Barbace cemetery. It was certainly John Coover son of George Kober, who reinterred his parents and grand parents in that one grave in Barbace, and it is as yet my unrewarded effort to discover on which Coover farm the bodies of the four reinterred were originally buried. It is now just 85 years since the reinterment, and no one now knows where the original graves were located.

There is now a Coover owned farm adjacent to Trindle Spring cemetery, west of Mechanicsburg, and one south east of mechanicsburg; both of these farms are owned by descendants of Dieterich Kober (Coover) 2nd.