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My dear Kinsman:-

Your letter of Aug. 16th is before me, and I hope that my further inquiries in this letter will not disturb you, or cause you inconvenience.

I am still profoundly interested in the fourfold grave in Barbace cemetery, which contains the remains of John Coover's parents and grandparents, reinterred in 1856.

This tenth child of George Coover, I, namely John Coover (husband of Salome Keller) was named John after his grandfather John Diéterich Kober, Palatine immigrant, and this grandson John is your grandfather, who, I am now fully convinced, made the reinterment of his forebears in Barbace, in 1856, six years before his own decease.

George Coover, II, did not, for he died in 1846; Henry Coover did not, for he died in the same year, namely, 1846; Michael Coover did not for he died in 1839, Jacob Coover died in 1870, but was interested in the Shippensburg cemetery, and was buried there with his wife. The tenth and last child, namely, John Coover, is certainly the one interested in Barbace, and who reinterred his parents and grandparents there. The above five sons of George Coover, 1st are named in the order of date of birth.

Do you know where your grandfather's farm was located? According to the record of the Rev. John Caspar Stoeber, immigrant Lutheran pastor, (John) Dieterich Kober's children were baptized in Lancaster county, now Lebanon county. I think that John Dieterich Kober lived the latter years of his life with his son George, who possibly took over the farm before the decease of his father, so that your grandfather's forebears were buried in the same plot, and were lifted and their remains reinterred together in Barbace. How I wish that our forebears had left us adequate records of their settlement and their family activities. If you can help me in this matter of location of your grandfather, John Coover, it will clear up some difficult questions. I enclose several clippings from my genealogy notes, which you need not return to me.

Appreciating your helpfulness in my pursuit, I am

Very cordially your kinsman,

M. Coover