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Mr. Walter Lee Kauffman,
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Dear Sir & Kinsman:-

It gives me pleasure to send you several kodak pictures taken last month when I was visiting "Barbace" cemetery. Hanna Bosler, wife of John Bosler, and daughter of Martin and Salome Keller, died Oct. 7, (grave stone imbedded in the trunk of a tree to the depth of four inches, obliterating the year of interment).

Said Hanna Keller Bosler was a sister of Salome Keller Coover; and the larger cracked grave marker is the grave stone of their mother, Salome Keller.

The decayed tree trunk is three feet in diameter. It is very likely that the tree in its early prime was the cause of this site being chosen for the family cemetery. Can you tell me how the cemetery came to be called "BARBACE" ?

One picture enclosed shows the grave of the re-interred remains of George Coover, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth (Mohler) Coover; and also of two children: Catharine, and John, all placed in one grave. These remains I am inclined to think were lifted from a burial plot in the home garden, and placed in this family cemetery.

Adjacent are the grave stones of George Coover, Jr., and Anny(Landis)Coover, his wife, both of which markers are broken off. My daughter's arm inadvertently appears in the picture as she was holding the tottering, broken, tomb stone.

In the picture showing the exterior view of the cemetery, please note two tomb stones on the left of the entrance to the cemetery, just tipping the wall.

These are the grave markers of John Coover, and of his wife, Salome Keller Coover; (1787-1862) and (1792-1883) respectively. The distant marker tipping the gateway is the grave stone of (John) George Coover, son of Dietrich Kober, palatine immigrant of 1730, and his wife, Elizabeth Mohler, and two children: Catharine, and John, although Catharine may be the sister of George Coover, since he had a sister so christened. Cordial greeting to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Coover

P.S.

The white limestone cropping up in the foreground of the picture is indicative of the fertility of the soil in this corn-growing environment.

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