

Hello Everyone,

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Several years ago, I found a document that pertained to a Moravian Priest who held the funeral services for George Fulp. This document was found in numerous place on the internet. It was supposedly taken from the log book of the priest's daily activities. I'm sure many of you have seen this. It states:

"Salem Diary -- 1786 October 26. Br. Koehler went to Belews Creek, sixteen miles from Salem, to hold the funeral of a friend of the Brethren, George Fulp by name., This man was born in 1718, and led a Christian life. The Brethren proclaimed the Gospel several times in his house. Before the end, he arranged that a Brother from Salem should conduct his funeral". Records of the Moravians in North Carolina. Compiled by Adelaide Fries.

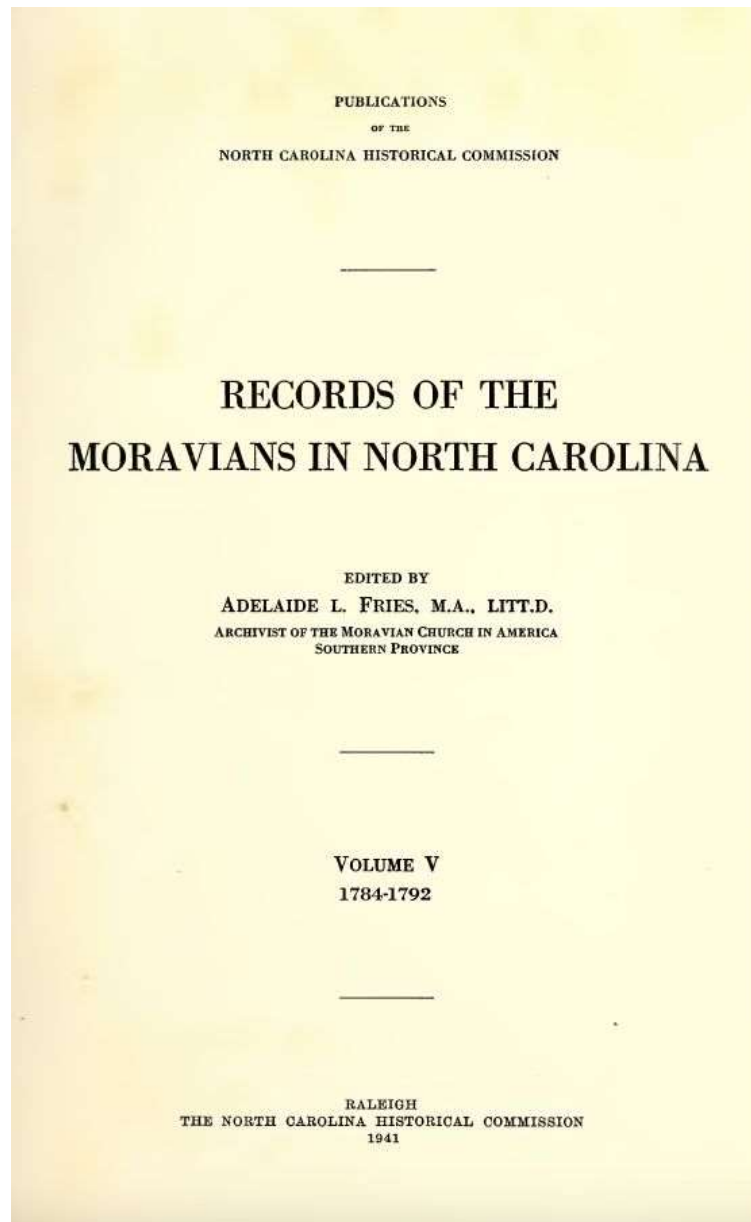
It clearly says that the funeral was for a George "Fulp". Yesterday, my wife and I visited the Moravian Archives in Winston Salem, NC to try and determine the town where Br. Kohler departed Germany for his immigration to America. We have always thought that this might be the same Koehler that was onboard the ship Phoenix with our George in 1751. We were hoping to find the name of the German town where Koehler departed, thinking this might collaborate some of the things we are finding in our Germany research.

While there, I ask the clerk if she could pull the 1786 log book and read me the entry that I thought was written in German. She advised that there was an English translation of the book. Upon viewing this document, I saw the name George "Volp" was used instead of George "Fulp" (see attachment). This means that someone published the record on-line with "Fulp" instead of the original "Volp". Knowing this earlier would have saved many hours of research trying to verify that George arrived with the name Volpp. Of course, we recently proved that George was a Volpp using yDNA. So this is just more evidence but thought you might want to know "the rest of the story".

Research in Germany is progressing. Douglas Volpp has traced his ancestry back two generations in Germany. We are working with a professional genealogists to find the connection between Doug's line and

our George Volpp line. We have found Volpp's with a history of first names: George, Peter and Michael, some going back to the Napoleonic wars. Finding these names leaves us very encouraged. There's more work to do and it is slow working with a foreign language but we expect to make the connection in the not too distant future. You will be the first to know.

Tom Phelps



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NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Br. Koehler spoke to the more than two hundred persons who, for lack of space, assembled in front of the Gemein Haus.

Aug. 26. The congregation of Hope celebrated its organization of six years before.

The widowed Sr. Maria Elisabeth Goetje moved from Friedland to Salem.

Aug. 31. The Covenant Day of the Widows was held in Salem for the first time, with nine widows, partly from Salem partly from Bethabara and Bethania.

Sept 2. In Friedland the Sunday services were held by a Brother from Salem.

Sept. 20. The single Br. Friedrich Strehle and two Brethren from Friedland left for Pennsylvania. They took with them the boy Johannes Holder, who will remain in one of the Pennsylvania congregations.

Sept. 27 and 28. Judge Williams and Mr. Alexander Martin visited us, and looked around the town.

Oct. 3. In Friedberg Br. Simon Peter yesterday commenced the school for the children. The same was done in Hope in the week following. As the place of a pastor for Friedland is not yet filled nothing can be done about a school there, which greatly distresses some of the members.

Oct. 18. The entire congregation took an interested part in the consecration of the addition to the Brothers House, erected this summer.

Oct. 22. Sunday. The sermon was in German, the children's meeting in the English language.

Oct. 25. Salem had a heavy rain but not the cloudbursts which made the day notable in other places.

Oct. 26. Br. Koehler went to Belews Creek, sixteen miles from Salem, to hold the funeral of a friend of the Brethren, George Volp by name. This man was born in 1718, and led a Christian life. The Brethren proclaimed the Gospel several times in his house. Before his end he arranged that a Brother from Salem should conduct his funeral.

Oct. 30. By wagons returning from Charleston we received letters and Nachrichten from Europe.

Nov. 3. The Gemein Haus in Hope was re-covered by the members.

Nov. 6. Br. Biwighausen left for Charleston on business for the store.

Nov. 11. Br. Michael Vogler, returning with his wagon from Philadelphia, brought us letters from Lititz and Yorktown.