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FAMILIES into which the early Boones married should be of especial interest to all Boone descendants for they were our forefathers, too. Such a family is that named Kassel, or Cassel, one of whose daughters married Samuel Boone, born in England in 1711, the youngest son of George III and Mary Boone, who arrived in America from England in 1717. But the Kassels had preceded them.

JOHANNES KASSEL, a weaver, with his wife Mary and five children, Arnold, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah, Germans from Kreshein, came over by way of London in the ship Jeffries, landing in Philadelphia on November 20th, 1691. The son, Arnold, married Susannah, daughter of Nicholaes De La Plane and his wife Susannah Cresson, French Huguenots, on April 9, 1693. Arnold was Recorded (Recorder?) in Germantown in 1602 and 1693, and his brother Peter was Town-crier. Arnold and Susannah had these children: Johannes, Daniel, who died young, Arnold, Jr., Nicholas, Daniel, Veronica and Elizabeth. The immigrant, Johannes Kassel, was 47 years old in 1685 or 1686.

(Refs.: Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. VIII, p. 329; Daniel K. Kassel, History of the Mennonites, 1888, pp. 70, 352.)

IT IS EASY to understand how the families of the English weaver, George Boone and his German occupational counterpart became acquainted and so the following announcement should not come as a surprise.

"- 29, 1734, Samuel Boone, son of George of Oley twp., Philadelphia (now Berks) Co., and Elizabeth Cassel of Phila. (dau. of Arnold and Susanna Cassel) mar. at Philadelphia Meeting. Witnesses John, James, Mary and Hannah Boone; Daniel, Lydia, Deborah, Mary and Sarah Cassel and 23 others."

(Ref.: Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, a handwritten copy of the original records made by the well-known Quaker historian and genealogist, Gilbert Cope, b. 1840. The originals are in the Friends Library, Philadelphia; the Cope transcriptions are in the Library of the State Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia.)

ELEVEN YEARS later Samuel Boone died, leaving Elizabeth with four small children, Samuel, Jr., born in 1736, Susannah, in 1738, Isaiah, 1741 and Arnold, 1743. According to custom, Elizabeth married again, becoming the wife of Joseph Yarnell on July 29th, 1748.

AN UNUSUAL mixture of nationalities and religious beliefs are represented here, for Samuel Boone, the English born Quaker, married Elizabeth Cassel, the daughter of a German Mennonite and a French Huguenot. One wonders how many, if any, of the descendants of this strangely commingled alliance have continued to adhere to some of these good old colonial religious societies, or follow any of their ancestral traditions. The answer which would be most interesting is invited.