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Crossed Deep Creek to Reis' home,—also shown on the 1771 map. Reis lived five miles from John Herrman. Reis and his family had refuged in Behania during the Indian War. Old father Reis was in poor health, but welcomed Soelle eagerly on every visit, and rejoiced to have him hold service in his home. When Soelle was there in June, 1772, he found that the old man had recently died. His son, Valentine Reis, continued the friendship with Soelle; he either lived with his father or near by. "The people about here are wild," and Valentine had a good deal to endure from their jeers, because of his religious tendencies. On one visit it was recorded that "many English had gathered, as Mr. Cook was to preach to them." "All the Germans here understand English, also." The Baptists were very active in seeking members in this neighborhood. On one visit Soelle talked with Matthias Zimmerman, who formerly, for a year and a half, worked in Sulam as a carpenter with Br. Triebel. Now he had become a Captain; and was much opposed to the Brethren. Although a brother-in-law of George Lang, Zimmerman was one of the leaders in the movement to keep Soelle out of the Deep Creek meeting house, claiming that only Lutherans or Reformed should be allowed to use it.

Having preached at Reis', Soelle went to George Lang's (Long's) for the night. Lang lived in what was known as Miller's Settlement on Deep Creek. The plantation of Christian Miller can be seen on the map of 1771; it was some miles above Reis. Christian Miller was a man past middle age, formerly rough and godless, but now he led in meeting when no one else was there to serve. George Lang was a staunch friend of Soelle, who thought highly of him,—"they and the Rieses are the only Germans hereabouts who care for religion," so it was no wonder that the Baptists tried hard to get him to join them, and that he had much to endure from the taunts of his friends.

From George Lang's it was five miles to William Grant, generally referred to as Billy Grant. He lived in what was called the Hunting Creek neighborhood, and there is mention of Grant's mill, where Temple Cole came to collect taxes in July, 1771. In addition to wife and children his old mother lived with them, a woman of eighty years, and altogether the household numbered 23 persons. Their eldest daughter was married. Grant's sister, a widow, died in March, 1772. Soelle remarks that "this is the only family in this neighborhood that has ears" for a Gospel message.

In Sept. 1772, Soelle made a trip from Grant's into the Brushy Mountains. He visited first at the home of Friedrich Lang (Lang), and remarked that "they are both young people, and therefore still very

Having spent the night with a Presbyterian family Soelle went to the home of Nicolas Porkins, a young man; and at the invitation of Mr. Land preached in the nearby meeting house. Mr. Land had formerly lived on Abbotts Creek, and had belonged to the Church of England, but having found inspiration in the preaching of Baptists he had joined them. Next day Soelle returned to the Presbyterian family and held a service for the Presbyterians of that neighborhood.

Returning to Peter Porkins, Soelle set out for home, spending a night with Mr. Pratt, and the next night with a Mr. Harding. The day spent with Mr. Harding, Nov. 6th, happened to be Soelle's birthday,—he was sixty-three years old. In the morning he waked with a special sense of the nearness of the Saviour, and wrote in his Diary: "Heaven and earth are His, a house, a church, a road, a tree, are alike to Him."

Crossing the Dan to Moses Martin's, Soelle meant to visit Michael Seitz, but it was raining and the path was overhung with wet leaves, so he went on to Peter Frey's, and found his house in ashes! Fortunately the family had been able to save their belongings, though the fire had been at night, and Peter himself not at home.

From here Soelle went back to Salem, by way of Banner's on Town Fork, and Bernhard Fehr's on Belews Creek.

Soelle died on May 4, 1773, and on July 23d Richard Utley set out on a tour of the homes and preaching places in the direction of Deep Creek. Most of the families named in his Diary have already been mentioned, but the course he took is of interest, particularly because at every home where he spent a night he read the Memoir of Br. Soelle, which had been prepared in accordance with the custom of the Moravians.

July 23. Left Salem; visited Daniel Smith, Douthid, Christopher Ellrod, spending the night with the latter.

July 24. Preached at Adam Ellrod's; crossed the Atkin; visited Col. Hunt; spent the night with Morgan Bryant.

July 25. Preached in Timber Ridge meeting house, being accompanied thither by James Bryant, son of Morgan Bryant. Spent the night with John Bryant.

July 26. Rode with Col. Hunt to the home of George Lang, on Deep Creek; spent the night with George Lang's brother, Frederic.

July 28. Preached in Valentine Reese's house to about two hundred people; called on John Jones; spent night with Robert Ellrod.

July 29. Visited Roger Turner; also old Mr. Turner, the father, Thomas Bryant, William Bryant, James Forbush, reading the Soelle Memoir at each home. Spent the night with Morgan Bryant.

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