

Kulp Reunion Letter 2022-2

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to keep you apprised on a couple of things going on with the Kulp Reunion:

First, as far as the actual reunion on June 12th, we are planning as if the infection rates will drop and people will be comfortable attending. We have the usual social hall booked at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, we have a speaker, Bob Wood, and we probably have the Kratz's to do the catering as usual. Is there anything different (or the same) you would like to see at the reunion this year? I know that it's early, but if you can at least let me know you might be attending, it would be helpful.

Second, I was wondering if anyone had taken Glenn Landis' tour of the cemetery, when he would point out where some of the early Kolbs were buried? Unfortunately, I never took the tour and now realize we may have lost the knowledge of where they may be. So, if anyone has the inclination for that kind of research, this may be something we can preserve on the website. And it might be as easy as looking on Find-A-Grave (which actually lists 42 Kolbs in the cemetery), looking at the photos and matching them on the ground or maybe a map of the cemetery if they have one available.

Finally, I was trying to figure out some ways that bring our group a little closer together. Up till now, we basically have met once a year with one or two emails and a mailing going out each year, as well as a few emails on genealogy in between. I would like to make it a more interactive group if we can, so we can exchange information about our ancestors and maybe answer other questions in-between our annual gatherings. One way would be to use the Zoom platform to have a regular time to just get together and chat.

Another focal point could be the website, which was originally designed by Glenn Landis and thanks to Mark Moyer, helped rescue it from oblivion. Until recently, I knew nothing about websites, but am slowly learning. My intent is to expand the information Glenn originally put on it, have some sort of blog we can discussion questions through, put the pages of the Brown Book Genealogical Reference Record on there, as well as all of the reunion programs. I started to use the Overholser Family website as an example (<https://www.overholser.net/>), but any other suggestions would be appreciated. And anything else I can find in the old records I can find. I am still figuring it out in my mind, so nothing is set.

But I welcome some help in doing all of this. Any suggestions of content or layout would be helpful. What would YOU like to see on the website! If someone could scan the Brown Book pages and the reunion bulletin pages, that would be helpful. If someone is good at website design and content that would be great too. We already have two great references: Cassel's Kulp Family History book and the Brown Genealogical Reference Book.

There is more but I wanted to get this out while it's still February. So, it would be helpful to me if you could send me some feedback on:

- Will you be attending reunion on June 12th, just to get a preliminary estimate?
- Is there anything different you would like to see at the reunion?
- Would you like to do a Zoom Meeting get together outside of the annual reunion?
- Did anyone take Glenn's cemetery tour?
- Any ideas on content and help with the website?

Looking forward to hearing from you. Please let others know that may not be on the email list.
Thanks,

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In January, I finally reread the beginning pages of our Brown Binder "The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family" book, "Genealogical Reference Record of the Descendants of Dielman Kolb: Together with Descendants of Other Ancestors Bearing the Name, Kolb, Kulp and Culp". Boy, is that quite a mouthful!

The section I refer to was prepared by "A Committee representing the Descendants of Dielman Kolb" in 1936. It begins with a page listing the 15 or so versions of Kolb, which in the old German mean "Solid, Sturdy and Robust". Followed by pages on the genealogy of Dielman Kolb and the five sons who came to America, biographical details on them and other prominent Kolbs, background pages of the Germantown, Lower Skippack, and other Mennonite churches they belonged to, and many other details. It ends with blank pages the owner can write in with their own genealogical record (up to 9 generations), and summaries of the first twelve reunions, up to 1935. On the last page, they write "From this point in the book, the annual Reunion programs should be inserted from year to year. Future programs will be printed and perforated to fit the book."

Overall

- Reunion update
- Website construction update and ask for help
- Brown binder