

Commemorating the 264th Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 13, 1971



Der Alt Kolbe Schtuhl

The "Old Kulp Chair" is the oldest dated relic, of The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family in America, which is known to be in existence today. The date, 1773, is carved on the inside of the left arm rest. It is the patriarchal chair of the family of Henrich Kolb (b. 1721), farmer and miller on the N.E. Branch of the Perkiomen Creek in Upper Salford Township. It was passed from generation to generation of his descendants and was highly esteemed in the family and community. The present owner, Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., direct descendant of Henrich Kolb, poses with the famous "Dadi-Schtuhl" (Papa's Chair), as such patriarchal chairs were known in Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Culture.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John B. Kulp, Jr.
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**History Committee*

Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. James G. Penlington
The National Anthem, one stanza	The Assembly
Greeting by the President	John B. Kulp, Jr.
Reunion Day Song	The Assembly
Report of the Secretary	Dorothy M. Kulp
Report of the Treasurer	Sarah Newman
Report of the History Committee	Abram C. Hunsicker
Guitar Selections	"The Relations" Joined by The Assembly, singing
Awarding of Prizes	The President
Report of the Nominating Committee	Harry I. Kulp Harry I. Kulp, Abram C. Hunsicker, William A. Kulp
Election of Officers	

—Offering—

Organ Selections	Merrilee Kolb
Devotions in the German	Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.
Tribute to Deceased Members	The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge
Minute of Silence	
Memorial Hymn: <i>Abide with Me</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Address	The Rev. Dr. John L. Ruth
Reunion Day Hymn: <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	The Assembly
Prayer and Benediction	The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

History "Workshop", Games, Supper, Fellowship Hour



Reunion Day Song

Tune—"Is This the Crowning Day?"

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| 1. Happy-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
God's own redeeming love
Sheds radiant light from above
In welcome to all today. | 3. Glorious-reunion day!
Glad day! Glad day!
May we the past review;
Ancestors loyal and true,
Their mem-ries live on today. |
| 2. Friendly-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
As we together meet;
Friendship and fellowship sweet
Are mingled with love today. | 4. Sacred-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
May the "Kulp" family live;
Honor and praise e'er to give
To "Him" who reigns on for aye. |

REFRAIN: Glad day! Glad day!
This is reunion day;
Our ancestors came to this free land,
For truth and right they dared to stand;
Glad day! Glad day!
This is reunion day.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER



The Rev. Dr. John L. Ruth is widely known as an author, educator, and spiritual leader of the Mennonite faith in southeastern Pennsylvania. He was born in 1930 on his ancestral farm on the banks of the North East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. The Rev. Dr. Ruth holds a B.A. degree from Eastern Baptist College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He is Professor of English at Eastern Baptist College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and Pastor of the King of Prussia Mennonite Fellowship, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Ruth is the author of several plays and other musical and dramatic productions, using as themes the heritage of our Dutch Mennonite Ancestors of southeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Ruth will speak to us concerning the Bi-Centennial celebration of the death of Christopher Dock,

to be held at Christopher Dock School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, during the week of October 10, 1971. During these activities, several of the Rev. Dr. Ruth's dramatic productions will be presented including his cantata, "The Life of Christopher Dock," first sung at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, in 1966, his oratorio, "The Martyrs' Mirror," and a new film, "The Quiet in the Land," written and directed by Dr. Ruth, telling of Mennonite life in our area in the Eighteenth Century. Dr. Ruth will explain the importance of the early Kolb ancestors in these productions.

The Rev. Dr. Ruth and his wife Roma have three children and reside in King of Prussia, Pa.

SPECIAL THANKS are due to "The Relations," who include Family Secretary Dorothy M. Kulp, and—again this year—to Merrilee Kolb, daughter of LeRoy H. Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania, for sharing their time and their talent with us. Again, too, we thank Robert Wenger for lending, installing, and operating the sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.

Reunion Day Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

(Nun Danket Alle Gott)

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| 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His earth rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day. | 2 O may this bounteous God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next. |
| 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father, now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore! | |

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name And Address	Died	Age
Joel W. Culp, Lansdale, Pa.	May 25, 1970	25 years
Captain Glenn Dale Rickert*, Souderton, Pa.	May 29, 1970	24 years
Almeda R. Kulp, Obelisk, Pa.	June 18, 1970	70 years
Emma N. Kulp, Norristown, Pa. R.D.	June 24, 1970	73 years
Mamie B. Kolb, Schwenksville, Pa. R.D.	July 17, 1970	72 years
Lillian K. Godshall, Souderton, Pa.	July 23, 1970	79 years
Katie K. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	July 26, 1970	88 years
Clayton M. Kulp, Hatfield, Pa.	July 27, 1970	73 years
Peter J. Kalb, Souderton, Pa.	July 31, 1970	64 years
William Kulp, Fort Washington, Pa.	August 29, 1970	
Weston K. Hartzell, Souderton, Pa.	August 31, 1970	84 years
Aaron B. Metz, Kulpsville, Pa.	October 20, 1970	71 years
Joseph B. Slough, Lansdale, Pa.	November 30, 1970	83 years
Catherine R. Kulp, Royersford, Pa. R.D.	December 7, 1970	52 years
Ralph K. Bender, Pennsburg, Pa. R.D.	January 12, 1971	70 years
I. Newton Kulp, Ottsville, Pa.	January 14, 1971	84 years
Benjamin F. Kolb, Zionsville, Pa. R.D.	January 19, 1971	56 years
John L. Kulp, Lansdale, Pa. R.D.	January 27, 1971	81 years
Anna Moore Kulp, Spring City, Pa.	February 1, 1971	73 years
Elizabeth K. Trexler, Frederick, Pa.	February 6, 1971	97 years
Mahlon H. Kulp, Perkiomenville, Pa. R.D.	February 14, 1971	80 years
Earl L. Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	February 19, 1971	76 years
Clarence R. Sheetz, Phoenixville, Pa.	March 23, 1971	82 years
Eva H. Fronheiser, Red Hill, Pa.	April 3, 1971	73 years
Edward J. Kulp, Wyndmoor, Pa.	April 12, 1971	64 years
Hattie R. Sterner, Pennsburg, Pa.	April 19, 1971	74 years
Leroy A. Kulp, Line Lexington, Pa.	April 29, 1971	57 years

*Killed in Vietnam

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

William H. Monk, 1862