

Commemorating the 266th Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 10, 1973



Salford Meeting Schoolhouse

We dedicate this year's programme to the institution of the Mennonite Parochial school system, the finest schools of elementary education in colonial America. This system of education was established through the work of Christopher Dock and his supporters such as our ancestor, Dielman Kolb.

Christopher Dock taught here at Salford Meeting in the original 1738 "Gemeinhaus", or combination meetinghouse-schoolhouse, in which Dielman Kolb preached. This "Gemeinhaus" was replaced in 1770 by a similar structure, but of enlarged proportions.

In 1842 an octagon schoolhouse was erected, separate from the meetinghouse, and this was replaced in 1883 by the present building. Sometime in the second half of the nineteenth century the school became a public school, however, retaining much of its Mennonite flavor.

The present building stands as a monument to the educational excellence of our Dutch Mennonite culture.

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Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

- Invocation The Rev. R. David Koch
America, one stanza The Assembly
Greeting by the President Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.
Reunion Day Song The Assembly
Report of the Secretary Dorothy M. Kulp
Report of the Treasurer Sarah K. Newman
Report of the History Committee A. Moyer Kulp
Awarding of Prizes The President
Report of the Nominating Committee Harold W. Miller
Harold W. Miller, Abram C. Hunsicker, John B. Kulp, Jr.
Election of Officers

— Offering —

- Organ Selections Merrilee Kolb
Devotions in the German The President
Tribute to Deceased Members The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge
Minute of Silence
Memorial Hymn: *Abide with Me*, one stanza The Assembly
Address Robert C. Bucher
Reunion Day Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still* ... 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



Robert C. Bucher is a widely known and highly respected historian and folklorist, specializing in the history and folk traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch people.

Mr. Bucher is a native of Harleysville and a direct descendant of the pioneer Jacob Kolb through his maternal Clemens family line.

Mr. Bucher and his wife, Mildred, are the parents of two daughters, Eileen and Joyce, and have seven grandchildren.

Mr. Bucher has been very active in the field of historic and folk cultural preservation, being a co-founder and past president of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., in Schaefferstown, Pa., and of the Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. in his home area.

He is a graduate of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., and his profession as a research chemist has gained him high esteem in his field.

He has served with distinction on many boards of directors, both in the fields of history and religion, and serves presently on the boards of historic Schaefferstown, Inc., and Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.

He is a dedicated churchman and has served 45 years in Sunday School work and Christian Education in the Indian Creek Church of the Brethren at Vernfield, Pa.

Mr. Bucher has published numerous articles on the heritage of the Pennsylvania Dutch people, especially in the field of Folk Architecture, in which he is Pennsylvania's recognized expert, in such journals as "Pennsylvania Folklife" and others.

Mr. Bucher will speak to us concerning our Kulp family heritage and how we should express it during our upcoming National Bicentennial in 1976.

With us this afternoon, as she has been for several years, is Merrilee Kolb, daughter of LeRoy H. Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. Again we thank her for bringing the pleasure of organ music to the reunion. We thank Robert Wenger, also again, for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment which has contributed so much to a number of past reunions.

Reunion Day Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
When'er we hear that glorious word!
2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience
free,
And blest would be their children's
fate,
Though they, like them, should die
for thee.
3. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes
from God,
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
4. Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife
And preach thee, too, as love knows
how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.

REFRAIN: Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death. Amen.

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
Mary B. Kulp, Cressona, Pa.	December 6, 1971	78 years
Margaret Gilimore, Bridgeton, New Jersey	February 25, 1972	97 years
Charles E. Kulp, Billings, Montana	March 4, 1972	57 years
Bessie Short, Philadelphia, Pa.	April 1, 1972	92 years
Bessie E. Kulp, Vineland, New Jersey	April 9, 1972	
Charles W. Kulp, Royersford, Pa.	May 12, 1972	73 years
Ralph L. Lewis, Perkasio, Pa.	May 13, 1972	67 years
Benjamin F. Kulp, North Wales, Pa.	June 18, 1972	86 years
Anna K. Kline, Pennsburg, Pa.	June 25, 1972	73 years
Anna G. Fuss, Lititz, Pa. R.D.	September 8, 1972	86 years
Charles Kulp, Sr., Collegeville, Pa.	August 8, 1972	79 years
Ethel Ellis Kulp, Lansdale, Pa.	October 31, 1972	89 years
Lorraine S. Kulp, Lansdale, Pa.	November 14, 1972	49 years
Katherine S. Kulp, Perkiomenville, Pa. R.D.	December 1, 1972	72 years
Alfred S. Kulp, Green Lane, Pa.	December 24, 1972	60 years
Katie H. Kulp, Lansdale, Pa. R.D.	January 20, 1973	82 years
Aneida S. Snyder, Telford, Pa.	January 23, 1973	75 years
Archie K. Smith, Hatfield, Pa.	February 7, 1973	73 years
Daniel G. Weiser, Boyertown, Pa.	February 16, 1973	62 years
Eva K. Hess, Lederach, Pa.	March 18, 1973	81 years

Names that were given to the Association too late for the program that year

Dyre Percival, Columbia, South Carolina	July, 1972
Isaac E. Kulp, Birdsboro, Pa.	October 4, 1963

*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