

Commemorating the 267th Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 9, 1974



Christopher Dock Fraktur

This year's programme is dedicated to the memory of Christopher Dock and to his chief supporter in colonial Mennonite parochial education, our ancestor Preacher Dielman Kolb.

Christopher Dock, known chiefly for his far-sighted system of elementary education as expressed in his work entitled, "School Management . . .", which is America's first published treatise on Pedagogy; was also an accomplished artist in the ancient German art form of "Fraktur," or illuminated writing. His beautifully executed manuscripts were given to students who excelled in their studies as "rewards of merit."

The "Vorschrift" (writing sample) illustrated on this year's programme is in the historical collection at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pa. It was purchased several years ago from the Rev. Scott F. Brenner of Abington, Pa. Although Dock was never known to have signed his works, the Rev. Mr. Brenner authenticated this piece by local family tradition and comparison with Dock's signature.

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Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. James G. Penlington
<i>America</i> , 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, The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman, John B. Kulp, Jr.	
Election of Officers	

— Offering —

Organ Selections	Merrilee Kolb
Devotions in the German	The President
Tribute to Deceased Members	The Rev. R. David Koch
Minute of Silence	
Memorial Hymn: <i>Abide with Me</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Address	The Rev. Gerald C. Studer
Reunion Day Hymn: <i>Blest Be the Tie</i>	The Assembly
Prayer and Benediction	The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge

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. Gerald C. Studer has achieved a position of distinction and honor in the field of historical and cultural studies among the Mennonites of America. He has specialized in studies relating to early Mennonite education in America with particular emphasis on the life and work of the "Pious Schoolmaster of The Skippack", Christopher Dock.

The Rev. Mr. Studer is a native of Smithville, Ohio, where he served fourteen years as pastor of the Mennonite Church.

He has, since then, served twelve years as pastor of the Scottdale Mennonite Church in Scottdale, Pa., and, since July of 1973, is serving as pastor of the Plains Mennonite congregation in Lansdale, Pa.

He is a graduate of Goshen College and Goshen Biblical Seminary, in Goshen, Indiana, with the Master of Divinity degree.

Mr. Studer and his wife, the former Marilyn Kreider of Wadsworth, Ohio, are the parents of two daughters, aged nine and fifteen years.

He has served as co-editor of the Mennonite Historical Bulletin for many years and is a frequent contributor to Christian magazines.

The Rev. Mr. Studer is the author of the best and most definitive biography of Christopher Dock yet written, entitled, "Christopher Dock: Colonial Schoolmaster." His research into the life of Christopher Dock, the author of America's first published treatise on Pedagogy, also unearthed significant material concerning Dock's chief supporter in Mennonite parochial education, our ancestor, Preacher Dielman Kolb.

The Rev. Mr. Studer's topic will be "Christopher Dock and Dielman Kolb."



The Association acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the organ music provided for today's gathering by Merrilee Kolb, daughter of LeRoy H. Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania, and the sound amplification supplied by Robert Wenger. Both have graciously been adding to the pleasure of our reunions since 1969.

Reunion Day Hymn

Blest Be the Tie

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
William Warren Gaugler, Perkiomenville, Pa.	May 30, 1973	64 years
Susan L. Kulp, Elroy, Pa.	June 14, 1973	88 years
Willard M. Yoder, Perkasio, Pa.	June 16, 1973	59 years
Viola Gaugler, East Greenville, Pa.	July 9, 1973	74 years
Annie H. Kolb, Boyertown, Pa.	July 15, 1973	85 years
William M. Fretz, Lansdale, Pa.	July 25, 1973	80 years
Grace K. Struntz, Lansdale, Pa.	September 25, 1973	78 years
Harvey W. Gaugler, Barto, Pa. R.D. #2	November 12, 1973	87 years
Clifford T. Kulp, Norristown, Pa.	November 24, 1973	32 years
Lela P. Kulp, Philadelphia, Pa.	January 11, 1974	72 years
William A. Kulp, Parkerford, Pa.	February 18, 1974	74 years
Louis V. DiCarle, Lansdale, Pa.	February 24, 1974	55 years
Joshua W. Kolb, Florida	March 20, 1974	73 years
Harold L. Kulp, North Wales, Pa.	April 2, 1974	70 years
Adam W. Crouthamel, New Britain, Pa.	April 9, 1974	50 years
Willis M. Kulp, Perkasio, Pa.	April 21, 1974	81 years

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

Mary C. Wagner, Pottstown, Pa.	September 21, 1969	
Leon Taylor, Horsham, Pa.	October 1, 1971	81 years
Rev. Charles Harlan Kulp, Brisbin, Pa.	May 21, 1972	

*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