

Commemorating the 268th Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 8, 1975



City of Mainz on the Rhine, Germany, capital of the Palatinate from which our Kulp ancestors came.

The Rock from Which We Were Hewn

The year of our Lord, 1975, marks the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Anabaptist movement in Christian history.

In A.D. 1525, a small group of Christian intellectuals in Zurich, Switzerland, resolved to restore to Christendom the thought and practice of The Apostolic Church. They were neither Catholic, nor Protestant. They were Restorationists!

They saw the priests and ministers of the State Churches take an unknowing infant and pour upon it the waters of christening and in that single act create that infant both a citizen of the state and a member of Christ's church.

They said that is force in religion.

They said, there is no living person on the face of the earth, who has the right to determine, by exercise of force, the politics or religion of any other human being.

Persecuted harshly by both Protestant and Catholic, they were called Anabaptists or rebaptizers, because they denied the validity of infant baptism and baptized only believers, on the basis of mature, intellectual choice.

At the invitation of William Penn, these oppressed Anabaptists (Mennonites, Brethren, etc.) came to Pennsylvania and brought with them their concepts of human freedom and intellectual choice. They were the first in modern history to declare the basic human right to be different. Our Kulp ancestors were prominent leaders among them.

As we enter the Bicentennial celebration of our country, it is important to realize that this basic American civil right was achieved for us by these physical and spiritual ancestors of ours, the Anabaptists.

May we look to the rock from which we were hewn.

Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. Norman G. Kolb
<i>America the Beautiful</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Greeting by the President	Abram C. Hunsicker
Reunion Day Song	The Assembly
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	
Report of the Secretary	Dorothy M. Kulp
Report of the Treasurer	John B. Kulp, Jr.

—Offering—

String Selections	The Old Timers
Devotions in 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. Robert G. Hunsicker
Reunion Day Hymn: <i>Blest Be the Tie</i>	The Assembly
Prayer and Benediction	The Rev. James G. Penlington

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 G. Hunsicker was born, in 1938, at Sellersville, Pa. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Hilltown, Pa.

He graduated from North Penn High School in 1956, Ursinus College in 1960, and from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1963.

Mr. Hunsicker served as Minister of Christian Education at Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton, Pa. from 1965 to 1968.

In 1968 he accepted a call to serve in the Evangelical Church in the Rheinland, Germany. From 1970 until 1974, he was Pastor for Youth Work in the Synod of Elberfeld in Wuppertal, Germany.

Since 1974, he has been serving as associate Pastor at Salem United Church of Christ in

Doylestown.

Mrs. Hunsicker is the former Hedwig Stege of Hildesheim, Germany. The Hunsickers have three children: Anne Christine and Paul Christopher, six, and Susan Rebecca, three.

AGAIN WE THANK *Robert Wenger* for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.

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.

John Fawcett

Hans George Naegeli

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
John M. Christman, Hatfield, Pa.	May 25, 1974	51 years
Alice Kulp, Bethlehem, Pa.	July 22, 1974	60 years
Marcella M. Long, Sumneytown, Pa.	July 23, 1974	72 years
Ella Culp, Schwenksville, Pa.	August 18, 1974	74 years
Katie H. Heckler, Lansdale, Pa.	August 20, 1974	96 years
Lydia K. Simmons, Telford, Pa.	September 2, 1974	87 years
Bessie S. Husted, North Wales, Pa.	September 3, 1974	74 years
Jacob K. Derstine, Lansdale, Pa.	September 22, 1974	71 years
Florence Yocum, Lansdale, Pa.	September 24, 1974	80 years
Harold Y. Kulp, Allentown, Pa.	September 26, 1974	60 years
Anna R. Kulp, Norristown, Pa.	October 6, 1974	61 years
William W. Kulp, East Greenville, Pa.	October 21, 1974	92 years
Minnie L. Snyder, Hatfield, Pa.	December 29, 1974	75 years
Linwood K. Kline, Palm, Pa.	January 17, 1975	53 years
Elsie B. Witwer, Perkasia, Pa.	January 22, 1975	88 years
Edith E. Kolb, Red Hill, Pa.	February 7, 1975	74 years
Emma M. Kulp, Salem, New Jersey	February 11, 1975	79 years
Sara K. Bean, Creamery, Pa.	February 17, 1975	78 years
Robert A. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	February 23, 1975	76 years
Robert P. Kulp, Mt. Airy, Pa.	March 7, 1975	
Charlotte G. Miller, North Wales, Pa.	March 7, 1975	87 years
Katherine A. Kolb, Springfield, Pa.	April 10, 1975	
Greta A. Taylor, Horsham, Pa.	January 1, 1975	79 years
Milton G. Kolb, Spring City, Pa.	January 3, 1975	65 years

*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

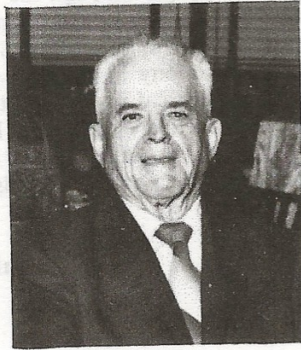
William H. Monk, 1862



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The Rev. R. David Koch	A. Moyer Kulp*
<i>1st Vice President</i>	
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<i>Secretary</i>	
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<i>Treasurer</i>	

*History Committee



ROBERT A. KULP

1898 - 1975

Vice President of the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association

1954 - 1955

Treasurer

1955 - 1967

Robert A. Kulp was born July 30, 1898, in Towamencin Township, the son of Samuel H. and Annie C. Kulp, nee Anders. He was one of six children. As a boy he attended school in Skippack Township.

He married Lillian Reller on October 4, 1922, and to this union were born three children: Robert, Jr., Anna Blanche and Richard.

During his early married life, he worked at the trade of carpentry.

In 1927, he sustained an injury that caused him to become an invalid. The nature of the injury was such that he was subjected to surgery to attempt to correct it. The surgery was of no avail, and the injury caused the loss of the use of his legs. He was confined to a wheel chair for forty-four years, until the day of his death.

He was elected vice president of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association in 1954. When the presidency was offered him, he declined because of his physical disability. He served as treasurer of the Association from 1955 to 1967. He was faithful in his attendance at the annual reunions of the Family Association in spite of his physical handicap.

For many years he worked from a specially equipped wheel chair in caring for his beautifully kept lawn, garden, and many flower beds, at his home at 98 Hamlin Avenue, Telford, Pa.

Because of his disability, the executive committee of the Family Association met regularly in his home from 1954 until the time of his death. The Kulp Family Association operated from Mr. Kulp's home, using it as headquarters, for all of those years. He was always ready and enthusiastic about making phone calls and doing whatever he could for the benefit of the Family Association. In 1956, he made the collection boxes which are still used at the annual reunion, because he loved to work in his shop in the basement of his home. He also made the president's box which is used to hold the gavel and block and the banner of the Association, and which passes from president to president in the Association. Mr. Kulp had a great host of friends, and, because of his confinement to his

home most of the time, he had many visitors, which were always appreciated. Robert used his telephone to better advantage than most people do, and brought cheer and comfort to hundreds of people through his custom of calling all his friends, many sick and invalid, and all local pastors and Christian workers, on their birthdays and singing, "Happy Birthday" to them. His fine and cheerful Christian testimony in the face of almost overwhelming human odds shall remain a source of great inspiration to all who knew him and especially to all who have served in active work in the Kulp Family Association over the past several decades. More than four hundred and fifty people paid the last respects to Robert A. Kulp on the occasion of his viewing and Memorial Service.

The Ancestry of Robert A. Kulp

8th. Gen.

Robert A. Kulp, b. July 30, 1898; d. Feb. 23, 1975

m.

Lillian Reller, b. Jan. 11, 1903

dau. of Amandus & Sallie (Kinsey) Reller

3 children Robert Jr., Anna Blanche and Richard.

7th. Gen.

Samuel H. Kulp, b. Oct. 12, 1867

m.

Annie C. Anders, b. Sept. 15, 1869; d. July 23, 1959

6 children, Claude, Stella, Robert A., Samuel, Infant son and Leroy

6th Gen.

Daniel H. Kulp, b. Feb. 24, 1829; d. May 27, 1913

m.

Mary Ann Hammel, b. Oct. 26, 1836; d. Oct. 17, 1908

3 children, Samuel H. & Daniel

5th. Gen.

John Kolb, b.

1781; d. Nov. 18, 1853

m. Mar. 24, 1812

Magdalena Heimbach, b. Sept. 24, 1790; d. Mar. 12, 1886

4 sons and 9 daughters

4th. Gen.

Yelles Kolb, b.

; d. Mar. 20, 1825

m.

Catharine Savacool, b.

1750; d. Nov. 24, 1827

dau. of Jacob & Elizabeth (Oberholtzer) Savacool

5 children—Henry, Jacob, Joseph, John and Abraham

3rd. Gen.

Henry Kolb, b. Sept. 26, 1821; d.

1783

m.

Elizabeth Cassel, b.

1719; d. June 18, 1798

dau. of Yelles Cassel

9 children—Jacob, Susanna, Sarah, Yelles, Dielman, Elizabeth, Maria and Heinrich.

2nd Gen.

Jacob Kolb, b. Nov. 21, 1685; d. Oct. 4, 1739

m. May 2, 1710 by Dirch Keyser in the Germantown Church

Sarah Van Sintern, b. Jan. 6, 1690; d. Apr. 25, 1766

dau. of Isaac & Neeltje (Classen) Van Sintern

9 children—Isaac (Strong Isaac), Agnes, Elizabeth, m. Valentine

Hunsicker, Nellie, Heinrich, Maria, Dielman, Magdalena and Sarah

1st Gen.

Dielman Kolb, of Wolfsheim, in Baden, Germany. He was born about 1648 and died in 1712 or 1713, aged 64 years, and is buried in Manheim. He married the 5th daughter of Peter Schumacher, who afterwards came to Germantown in 1685.

The wife of Dielman Kolb died in 1705, aged 53 years and is buried at Wolfsheim, in the Palatinate.

7 children—Peter, Ann, Martin, Jacob, Dielman and Johannes