

Commemorating the 270th Anniversary  
of the Family's Arrival in America

## FIFTIETH ANNUAL REUNION

# *Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family*

**EAST GREENVILLE PARK**

**Sunday, June 12, 1977**



### **Our Program**

The featured event of our program this year will be somewhat different from the traditional address or reunion day speech. During the bicentennial celebration of our nation's independence, many American citizens became very interested in colonial and early American costume. Many of these people appeared at public functions in so-called reproductions of the garb of their forefathers. Most of these were quite unauthentic and would never have been recognized by their ancestors.

To attempt to give an accurate picture of the folk costume of our Pennsylvania German forebears, Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., past president of the Kulp family association, and widely known lecturer on Pennsylvania history and folklore, will present a "fashion show" and lecture entitled "Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Costume through the Centuries."

Assisting Mr. Kulp as models for the historic clothing will be Sandra Highouse of Harleysville, Pennsylvania, and Kay Krick of Huffs' Church, Pennsylvania. Costume developments of both the "Plain Dutch" (Mennonite, Dunker, Schwenkfelder, etc.) and the "Church Dutch" (Lutheran, Reformed) will be shown and discussed. These are the styles worn by members of the Kulp family and other typically Dutch families in southeastern Pennsylvania during the past several centuries.

Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr. resides in Vernfield, Pennsylvania, and is a direct descendant of the immigrant forefathers Preacher Dielman Kolb, Deacon Jacob Kolb, and Georg Michael Kolb. Mr. Kulp is a lay preacher in The Church of The Brethren, and, in addition to being a lecturer on Pennsylvania German topics, is a widely published author on these subjects. His most recent work is a book about the early history of The Church of The Brethren and its historic sites in southeastern Pennsylvania entitled, "A Brethren Pilgrimage."



# Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation .....	The Rev. Elmer G. Kolb
Greeting by the President .....	Harry I. Kulp
Reunion Day Song .....	The Assembly
Report of the History Committee .....	Abram C. Hunsicker
Awarding of Prizes .....	The President
Report of the Nominating Committee .....	John B. Kulp, Jr.
John B. Kulp, Jr., Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., Harold W. Miller	
Election of Officers	
Report of the Secretary .....	Dorothy M. Kulp
Report of the Treasurer .....	Harold W. Miller

— Offering —

Sing-along with The Old Timers

Ormerod Duckworth, Thomas G. Nold, John Palamar,  
Wm. Taylor, John Zimmerman

Remembrance of Our Religious Heritage

Devotions in German .....

Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.

Tribute to Deceased Members .....

The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge

Minute of Silence

Reunion Day Hymn: *Abide with Me* .....

The Assembly

*Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Costume through the Centuries*

Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., Sandra Highhouse, Kay Krick

*America the Beautiful*, one stanza .....

The Assembly

Prayer and Benediction .....

The Rev. James G. Penlington

History "Workshop", Games, Covered-Dish Supper, Fellowship Hour

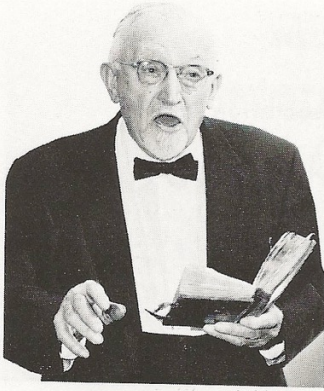
## Reunion Day Song

Tune—"Is This the Crowning Day?"

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





**Folk Artist**  
**REINHART F. GOTTSBALL**

Reinhart F. Gottshall, son of Moses K. Gottshall and Mary H. Gottshall, nee Freed, was born in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 30 December 1880. He died on Christmas Day, 25 December 1976, just five days short of his ninety-sixth birthday. He was a direct descendant of the immigrant, Preacher Dielman Kolb of Salford meeting.

“Uncle Rein,” as he was known to a host of friends and admirers, had gained a wide reputation as a Pennsylvania Dutch folksinger. His repertoire included hundreds of different

folk melodies, most of which he had learned at his father’s knee during the last two decades of the nineteenth century. Rein followed his father as a “Vorsinger” in The Church of The Brethren. Aside from the “slow tune” chorale tradition of his own Mennonite-Dunker heritage, Rein also knew intimately the German hymns of the “church people” (Lutheran and Reformed) and the lively spirituals of the “bush meeting people” (Pennsylvania Dutch revivalistic sects). Rein also sang with gusto many of the ancient folksongs of the Pennsylvania German tradition. He appeared on the program of the Kulp Family Reunion several times.

At Uncle Rein’s own request, his grand nephew Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., past president of the Kulp Family Association, to whom he passed on his heritage of German folksinging, sang two traditional German funeral hymns at the burial services, held at the Mingo Church of The Brethren, 29 December 1976.

One of the texts at Uncle Rein’s funeral was his own life’s motto which he often repeated when asked about his singing. It is a fitting epitaph to a life which brought so much joy and worth to so many people. “I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.” Psalm 104 vs. 33.

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*THE FAMILY again extends sincere thanks to Robert Wenger for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.*

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**Reunion Day Hymn**  
**Abide with Me**

- 1 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.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day,  
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away,  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.      Amen.



# In Memoriam

## Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
Irvin H. Kulp, Sr., Norristown, Pa.	January 21, 1976	62 years
Charles R. Culp, Norristown, Pa.	March 18, 1976	83 years
Minerva S. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	April 20, 1976	96 years
John W. Borneman, Limerick Twp., Pa.	May 15, 1976	96 years
Clinton E. Black, Mt. Crawford, Va.	May 26, 1976	73 years
Howard J. Troxel, Malvern, Pa.	June 5, 1976	69 years
Paul H. Miller, Perkasio, Pa.	June 15, 1976	73 years
Roland H. Heffentrager, Red Hill, Pa.	July 4, 1976	69 years
Edna M. Wise, Birdsboro, Pa.	July 5, 1976	69 years
Lillie S. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	July 6, 1976	52 years
Lydia M. Kulp, Norristown, Pa.	July 8, 1976	96 years
Frederick J. Lauman, Norristown, Pa.	July 11, 1976	67 years
Emma F. Kolb, Earlington, Pa.	July 18, 1976	78 years
Mary Emma Wismer, Trappe, Pa.	July 26, 1976	58 years
Scott S. Kolb, Boyertown, Pa.	September 26, 1976	82 years
Henry Kulp, West Chester, Pa.	September 30, 1976	76 years
Ruth A. Buckwalter, Pottstown, Pa.	October 17, 1976	74 years
Eva M. Kulp, East Greenville, Pa.	October 22, 1976	73 years
Rose Marie Kulp, Spring City, Pa.	October 29, 1976	35 years
Clarence K. Derstein, Lansdale, Pa.	November 1, 1976	80 years
Elsie May Smith, Chalfont, Pa.	November 2, 1976	85 years
Henry B. Detwiler, Lansdale, Pa.	November 16, 1976	71 years
Estella Emert, Quakertown, Pa.	November 21, 1976	76 years
Glenna I. Mitman, Pennsburg, Pa.	November 23, 1976	70 years
Grace Kulp Trate, Birdsboro, Pa.	December 5, 1976	71 years
Emily R. K. Hunsberger, Souderton, Pa.	December 7, 1976	60 years
Lillie M. Kulp, Pennsburg, Pa.	December 11, 1976	76 years
Katie R. (Kolb) Latshaw, Frederick Twp., Pa.	December 11, 1976	91 years
Emery Kolb, Grand Canyon, Ariz.	December 11, 1976	95 years
John Forrest Keelor, Pennsburg, Pa.	December 17, 1976	81 years
Kenneth R. Kulp, Gilbertsville, Pa.	December, 1976	29 years
Reinhart F. Gottshall, Schwenksville, Pa.	December 25, 1976	95 years
Susan S. Kulp, North Wales, Pa.	February 10, 1977	78 years
Maggie C. Shisler, Harleysville, Pa.	February 10, 1977	87 years
Hanna C. Clemens, Lansdale, Pa.	March 26, 1977	97 years
Elsie G. Kulp, Pennsburg, Pa.	April 3, 1977	79 years
Sherry Lynn Kulp, Telford, Pa.	April 6, 1977	Infant
Bessie K. Swartley, Souderton, Pa.	May 12, 1977	72 years

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Harry I. Kulp <i>President</i>	The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman
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Dorothy M. Kulp <i>Secretary</i>	Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.*
	John B. Kulp, Jr.
Harold W. Miller <i>Treasurer</i>	Ruth K. Oberholtzer
	*History Committee