

Commemorating the 271st Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 11, 1978



The Pennsylvania Dutch Singing

This year, at our fifty-first annual reunion, we are continuing the celebration of our Golden Anniversary. Beginning last year and continuing for several years our annual theme will be, "Our Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Cultural Heritage."

The particular emphasis for 1978 will be on the folk music traditions of The Pennsylvania Dutch people. The Plain Dutch, *i.e.*, Mennonites, Dunkers, River Brethren, etc., were very fond of a capella singing and often gathered, in meetinghouses or homes, to sing together the ancient chorales and religious folk melodies of their tradition. Many of our Kulp forebears were among the leading "Vorsingers" (song leaders) in these communities. The cover picture this year shows such a "singing," held at Klein's Dunker meetinghouse, near Harleysville, about a decade ago. These "singings" are still conducted in our local historic meetinghouses each summer.

In commemoration of our rich folk-singing heritage, our reunion will feature a "singing," led by local Dutch "Vorsingers" of Kulp ancestry. With the aid of printed song sheets, the entire assembly will be asked to sing-along with old Pennsylvania German folk melodies, some in High German, some in Pennsylvania Dutch and some in English translation. The ancient Swiss-German "zitter," introduced to America by our Mennonite forebears, will be played for our entertainment. The zitter is believed to be the ancestor of the Appalachian dulcimer.

Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. James G. Penlington
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., Harry I. Kulp	
Election of Officers	
Report of the Secretary	Ruth K. Oberholtzer
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. R. David Koch
Minute of Silence	
Reunion Day Hymn: <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> . . .	The Assembly

Folk Humor and Music Presentation . . . The Rev. Richard Druckenbrod

America the Beautiful, one stanza

Prayer and Benediction

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,
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

Our Kulp Reunion speaker for 1978 is The Rev. Richard Druckenbrod of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Druckenbrod is a noted lecturer and humorist and is Pastor of St. Johns United Church of Christ, in Howertown, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Druckenbrod is a native of Berks County. He received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Franklin and Marshall College and the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Fullbright student at the University of Gratz in Austria and has taken additional studies at Dropsie University and the University of Pennsylvania in Semitic languages.

Pastor Druckenbrod, a distinguished linguist and scholar of Ancient languages, has retained a vital interest in his native Pennsylvania Dutch language and culture. He teaches regular courses in the Pennsylvania Dutch language at Lehigh County Community College and at Northampton County Area Community College. He writes a Pennsylvania Dutch language column, entitled, "Es Deitsch Schtick," which appears weekly in The Allentown Morning Call. He is a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania German Society.

Pastor Druckenbrod serves with distinction in many positions, both religious and civic, including the committee which is establishing a sister-city relationship between the cities of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Saarbrücken in Germany.

Pastor Druckenbrod and his wife, Norma Jean, have a son, R. Randall, age 22 years.

The Rev. Mr. Druckenbrod will speak to us on the subject of Pennsylvania Dutch culture with a particular emphasis on the folk humor and music traditions. He will also lead the group in some of the secular Pennsylvania Dutch folk songs.



Again, this year, sincere thanks to Robert Wenger for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.

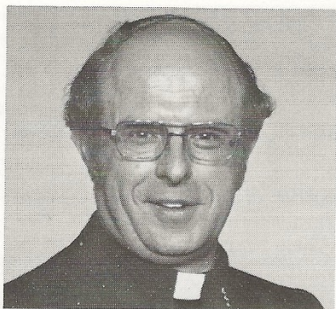


Reunion Day Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

(Nun Danket Alle Gott)

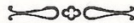
- 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His earth rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.
- 2 O may this bounteous God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever 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
Mabel F. Greenman, Navesink, N.J.	June 20, 1971	67 years
Katie Wile Gottshall, Harleysville, Pa.	April 28, 1974	77 years
James Hagey, Lansdale, Pa.	May 25, 1974	16 years
Alice E. High, Pottstown, Pa.	August 14, 1974	76 years
Edith S. Kulp, McQuistion, Ohio	September 16, 1975	
Samuel N. Kulp, Elkins Park, Pa.	February 4, 1976	90 years
Jacob Leroy Kulp, Homestead, Fla.	May 30, 1976	78 years
Nicholas Kirsch, Hatfield, Pa.	July 24, 1976	71 years
Charles Myers, Philadelphia, Pa.	November, 1976	
Alice G. Hockman, Ephrata, Pa.	November 19, 1976	66 years
Lewis D. Lessig, Phoenixville, Pa.	December 29, 1976	51 years
Waldo E. A. Ziegler, Harleysville, Pa.	January 23, 1977	94 years
Edwin K. Afferbach, Quakertown, Pa.	March 9, 1977	62 years
Fred M. Kulp, Sr., Reading, Pa.	June 1, 1977	90 years
Walter A. Lightkep, Whitemarsh, Pa.	June 8, 1977	61 years
Jennie S. Weiser, Boyertown, Pa.	June 12, 1977	65 years
Norman L. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	June 19, 1977	83 years
Mary K. Grubb, Spring City, Pa.	July 6, 1977	91 years
Mary A. Kline, Pennsburg, Pa.	July 18, 1977	77 years
Paul O. Kulp, Perkasie, Pa.	July 20, 1977	58 years
Raymond E. Yost, Coopersburg, Pa.	July 21, 1977	82 years
Morris W. Endy, Stowe, Pa.	August 2, 1977	
Benjamin Kolb, Frederick, Pa.	August 4, 1977	77 years
George S. Schmell, Doylestown, Pa.	August 8, 1977	84 years
Clemina L. Kolb, Spring City, Pa.	August 26, 1977	77 years
Vernon S. Hartman, Hatfield, Pa.	September 1, 1977	85 years
Henry F. Kulp, Jeffersonville, Pa.	September 1, 1977	83 years
Marie K. Egner, Telford, Pa.	September 5, 1977	73 years
Norman K. Overholt, Souderton, Pa.	September 7, 1977	58 years
Elias W. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	October 13, 1977	97 years
Katie N. Detweiler, Souderton, Pa.	October 14, 1977	74 years
Jonas A. Weaver, Royersford, Pa.	October 22, 1977	86 years
Samuel G. Kolb, Spring City, Pa.	October 25, 1977	69 years
Bessie I. Hohl, Douglassville, Pa.	November 7, 1977	
Grace B. Kulp, Sassamansville, Pa.	November 11, 1977	55 years
Samuel G. Kolb, Spring City, Pa.	November 25, 1977	69 years
Arthur K. Hartzell, Tampa, Fla.	December 9, 1977	84 years
Lillian M. Derr, Pennsburg, Pa.	January 20, 1978	74 years
Raymond S. Kratz, Hatfield, Pa.	January 21, 1978	88 years
Dorothy A. Haas, Pennsburg, Pa.	February 2, 1978	68 years
Marie H. Kulp, New Berlinville, Pa.	February 11, 1978	65 years
William K. Hockman, Quakertown, Pa.	March 7, 1978	89 years
Joseph F. Kulp, Perkasie, Pa.	March 10, 1978	79 years
John Kolb, Doylestown, Pa.	March 11, 1978	71 years
Willis F. Kulp, Perkasie, Pa.	March 13, 1978	81 years
Brian E. Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	March 19, 1978	23 years
Bessie F. Kulp, Birdsboro, Pa.	March 23, 1978	
Bonnie K. Merico, Souderton, Pa.	April 2, 1978	25 years
Walter Fronheiser, Red Hill, Pa.	April 6, 1978	81 years
Russell C. Kulp, Birdsboro, Pa.	April 29, 1978	72 years



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