

Commemorating the 272nd Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 10, 1979



Erecting stake and rider fence with hand split rails at "Heckler Plains" farmstead, Lower Salford Township, Pennsylvania.

Splitting Wood For Fence Rails and Shingles

Continuing our Golden Anniversary Theme, "Our Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Cultural Heritage," we turn this year to an important aspect of our material folk culture—the hand splitting and fashioning of wood for use in the erection of farm buildings and enclosures. Much of the traditional Dutch farmer's "leisure time" was spent in the felling of trees, trimming and squaring of logs, and the splitting of fence rails, garden fence poles, and roof shingles.

Robert C. Bucher, of Schwenksville, Pa., author and expert in the folklife of the Pennsylvania Dutch People, will address the 1979 Reunion on the subject of "Rail and Shingle Splitting" and will direct young folklife students of his in demonstrations of these ancient crafts.

Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge
Greeting by the President	Dorothy M. 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., Ross E. Oberholtzer	
Election of Officers	
Report of the Secretary	Ruth K. Oberholtzer
Report of the Treasurer	Harold W. Miller
Greetings from Chester County Kulp	S. Harvey Kulp

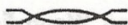
— Offering —

Sing-along with Eugene Claycomb and Howard Keyser, String Duo

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>Amazing Grace</i>	The Assembly
<i>Rail and Shingle Splitting</i>	Robert C. Bucher
<i>America the Beautiful</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Prayer and Benediction	The Rev. James G. Penlington
Song Leader, The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman	

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.

LIVING HISTORY

Robert C. Bucher, our guest speaker this year, has devoted a great part of his life to the transmission of folk knowledge and folk skills to the oncoming generations. He has been instrumental in the founding and development of the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festivals at Kutztown, Goschenhoppen, and Schaefferstown, Pa.

In recent years, "Bensch," as he is known to his "Dutch" friends, has been a central figure in the "Adventures in Colonial Living" program at the restored "Heckler Plains" farmstead in Lower Salford Township near Harleysville.

This program, sponsored by "Blueprint '76," a cooperative venture of Lower Salford Township and the Souderton Area School District, teaches to local students their own history and folk cultural heritage by involving them in the arts, crafts, and folkways of their ancestors. They are given the opportunities to "learn by doing" the skills which were a part of the everyday life of our Pennsylvania Dutch forebears.

"Bensch" Bucher will be assisted by several of his folklife students from the "Heckler Plains" farmstead program in demonstrations of wood-splitting lore.

For additional information concerning our speaker, refer to the Kulp Reunion folder, 1973, when Mr. Bucher was our guest speaker.



High school students in traditional Pennsylvania Dutch costume whitewashing hand split pale fence surrounding garden at Heckler farmstead.

We gratefully thank Robert Wenger, once again, for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.

Reunion Day Hymn

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

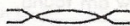
In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
Howard W. Kulp, Schwenksville, Pa.	July 5, 1973	
Hashley H. Kolb	February 11, 1975	
J. Warren Ziegler, Norristown, Pa.	July 30, 1976	
Katie N. Detweiler, Souderton, Pa.	October 14, 1977	
F. Bernard Simon, Spring City, Pa.	December 22, 1977	80 years
Perry Long, Sumneytown, Pa.	January 16, 1978	73 years
Kathleen A. (Kulp) Reed, Norristown, Pa.	February 15, 1978	84 years
Willard S. Oelschlager	April 7, 1978	77 years
The Rev. Francis Hauseman, Col.	May 15, 1978	64 years
Eleanor Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	June 8, 1978	
Sallie B. Moyer, Perkasio, Pa.	July 8, 1978	78 years
Eli M. Wismer, Perkasio, Pa.	July 25, 1978	67 years
William Zern, Gilbertsville, Pa.	August 23, 1978	94 years
Emmie Frey, Gilbertsville, Pa.	September 2, 1978	
Mary Davis, Manning, S.C.	September 24, 1978	
Frank G. Kulp, Colmar, Pa.	October 14, 1978	92 years
Laura M. Kulp, Royersford, Pa.	October 20, 1978	82 years
Emma (Moser) Moyer Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pa.	November, 1978	78 years
Frank A. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	November 3, 1978	76 years
Carrie B. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	November 11, 1978	71 years
Frank R. Kulp, Perkasio, Pa.	December 2, 1978	56 years
Elizabeth K. Alderfer, Harleysville, Pa.	December 4, 1978	67 years
Ernest Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	December 11, 1978	83 years
Ida May Benner, Royersford, Pa.	December 15, 1978	80 years
L. Mae Bean Schultz, Collegeville, Pa.	December 16, 1978	87 years
John Frederick, Barto, Pa.	December 22, 1978	71 years
Katie L. Houser, Hatfield, Pa.	January 16, 1979	77 years
Augustus Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pa.	January 21, 1979	86 years
John B. Kolb, Schwenksville, Pa.	January 29, 1979	48 years
Violet Kulp, Schwenksville, Pa.	February 9, 1979	65 years
Rein F. Kulp, Salfordville, Pa.	February 13, 1979	89 years
Harvey Taggart, King of Prussia, Pa.	February 18, 1979	62 years
Bryan Shaffer, Pottstown, Pa.	February 19, 1979	68 years
Katie I. Sconely, Stowe, Pa.	February 20, 1979	65 years
Inez E. (Kolb) Sowers, Pottstown, Pa.	March 15, 1979	68 years

Revisions to Listings in Previous Years

James Hagey, Kintnersville, Pa.	May 25, 1974	16 years
Edith S. Kulp McQuiston, Akron, O.	September 16, 1975	94 years
Samuel N. Kulp, Elkins Park, Pa.	February 4, 1978	90 years



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