

Commemorating the 273rd Anniversary  
of the Family's Arrival in America

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

# *Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family*

**EAST GREENVILLE PARK**

**Sunday, June 8, 1980**



### **Pennsylvania Dutch Garden and Herb Lore**

Our program this year will be the fourth annual installment of our Golden Anniversary series entitled, "Our Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Cultural Heritage".

The particular emphasis for 1980 will be on the traditions of The Pennsylvania Dutch Kitchen Garden and of the specific medicinal, culinary and sacred plants found within its precincts. Potted examples of many of these plants will be on display, and teas brewed from them will be given out in sample portions.

The program presentation will be shared by two persons who have done extensive folk-cultural research in this field. Past President Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr. will introduce the subject, discussing the Dutch gardens of our local history. Donald F. ("Abe") Roan, folklife scholar and lecturer of Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania, will discuss the specific herbs and their uses.

The cover photo shows Mr. Roan instructing young students in the lore of herbs. Both Messrs. Roan and Kulp have given instruction in Pennsylvania Dutch gardening to High School students and other youth groups at this historic farm restoration as a part of The Blue Print '76 Program (See Kulp Reunion Program 1979).

# Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Invocation .....  | The Rev. James G. Penlington |
| 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 .....                          | Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.     |
| John B. Kulp, Jr., The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman, 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 .....                        | S. Harvey Kulp               |

## — Offering —

Upper Perkiomen Hobo Band

### 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: <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> .. | The Assembly                 |

*Pennsylvania Dutch Garden and Herb Lore* .....

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| Donald F. Roan           |
| Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr. |

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

|              |
|--------------|
| The Assembly |
|--------------|

Prayer and Benediction .....

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman |
|---------------------------|

Song Leader, The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

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



### Reunion Day Song

Tune—"Is This the Crowning Day?"

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 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.



## Our Speakers



Donald F. Roan, of Bechtelsville, Berks County, is an expert in the field of Pennsylvania Dutch folklore and folklife. His area of special emphasis has been the herbal and sympathetic folk medicine of the Pennsylvania Dutch communities. He has written numerous articles for scholarly folklife journals on these subjects and is widely known as a lecturer and public speaker.

A native of Montgomery County, Mr. Roan teaches in the Upper Dublin School District and serves with distinction on the boards of several historical organizations including Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., in Lebanon County, and Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc., in Montgomery County.

Mr. Roan and his wife, Nancy, have a son, Matthew.

The photograph shows a Souderton area high school student in traditional local garb planting seed in an authentic Goschenhoppen area Dutch Kitchen Garden at The Heckler Plains Historic Farmstead in Lower Salford Township.

Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr. resides in Vernfield, Pa., and is a lay Preacher in The Church of the Brethren and a widely known lecturer on Pennsylvania Dutch history and folklife. He is a direct descendant of the immigrant forefathers. Preacher Dielman Kolb, Deacon Jacob Kolb and George Michael Kolb. Mr. Kulp has served as Past President of the Kulp Family Association for several terms. In addition to being a lecturer, Mr. Kulp is also a published author on various topics of Pennsylvania German Folk Culture and is a leader of a Pennsylvania German Folksinging group, "Die Goschenhoppen Sing—Gemeinde".



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



## Reunion Day Hymn

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.



# In Memoriam

## Names Submitted to the Association

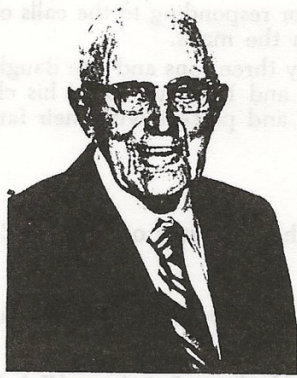
| Name and Address                                    | Died               | Age      |
|---|--------------------|----------|
| Mrs. E. J. Kolb, Ontario, Canada                    | April 27, 1978     | 78 years |
| Clarence R. Kulp, Lafayette Hills, Pa.              | February 15, 1978  |          |
| Esther Hoffman, Pottstown, Pa.                      | April 23, 1979     | 73 years |
| Mahlon Kulp, Boyertown, Pa.                         | April 27, 1979     | 75 years |
| Russel E. Ziegler, Sr., Souderton, Pa.              | May 3, 1979        | 66 years |
| Dorothy Steltz, Boyertown, Pa.                      | May 10, 1979       | 73 years |
| Morris D. Sacks, Schwenksville, Pa.                 | June 4, 1979       | 69 years |
| Bertha M. Kolb, Morris, Pa.                         | June 12, 1979      | 76 years |
| Earl B. Kulp, Green Lane, Pa.                       | June 14, 1979      | 76 years |
| Josephine Ziegler, Collegeville, Pa.                | July 16, 1979      | 57 years |
| Truman G. Mitman, Lansdale, Pa.                     | September 27, 1979 | 88 years |
| Anna G. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.                        | December 20, 1979  | 83 years |
| Esther A. Brey, Pennsburg, Pa.                      | December 26, 1979  | 73 years |
| Grace K. Good, Spring City, Pa.                     | December 27, 1979  | 82 years |
| Kathryn M. Gross, Sellersville, Pa.                 | December 28, 1979  | 73 years |
| Abram C. Kulp, Kulpsville, Pa.                      | January 8, 1980    | 99 years |
| Anna D. Kalb, Telford, Pa.                          | January 29, 1980   | 68 years |
| Verna L. Gebhart, Telford, Pa.                      | February 6, 1980   | 81 years |
| William Kulp, Sr., Lebanon, Pa.                     | March 13, 1980     | 51 years |
| Martha Kulp, North Coventry Township, Pa.           | March 21, 1980     | 68 years |
| Harry S. Clemens, Lansdale, Pa.                     | March 24, 1980     | 78 years |
| Lillian Boyer, Pottstown Hospital                   | April 11, 1980     | 76 years |
| Harry Wunderlick, Sr., South Coventry Township, Pa. | April , 1980       | 50 years |
| Herman Hart, Reading, Pa.                           | April 16, 1980     | 69 years |
| Ronald W. Huber, Salford Station, Pa.               | April 29, 1980     | 34 years |



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                                     |   |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Dorothy M. Kulp<br><i>President</i> | Ruth K. Oberholtzer<br><i>Secretary</i> | Harold W. Miller<br><i>Treasurer</i> |
| The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman           | Joel D. Alderfer*                       |                                      |
| Abram C. Hunsicker*                 | Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.*               |                                      |
| A. Moyer Kulp*                      | John B. Kulp, Jr.                       |                                      |
| <i>Emeritus</i>                     | S. Harvey Kulp                          |                                      |
| Harry I. Kulp                       | Shirley K. Miller*                      |                                      |
|                                     | Ross E. Oberholtzer                     |                                      |

\* *History Committee*



## ABRAM C. KULP

1880 - 1980

Abram C. Kulp was born on June 13, 1880, the son of Abraham H. and Eliza Cassel Kulp and grandson of Jacob and Catherine Hunsicker Kulp, who lived on the homestead on Allentown Road. Grandfather Jacob was a minister in the Plains Church and a bishop in the middle district of the Franconia Conference until his death in 1875. Abraham the father served as deacon in the Plains congregation from 1883 until his death in 1901. When Abraham H. died in 1901, his son Abram C. bought his father's farm before he was married.

On October 8, 1902, Abram C. was married to Mamie Rosenberger Kulp, and to this union were born six children. He was preceded in death by his wife on March 20, 1967, an infant son, Ernest, and a daughter, Mrs. Elma Kriebel.

Abram and Mamie lived on the farm on the Allentown Road until his health called for him to leave the family farm. In 1923 the family moved to Kulpville where he resided until the time of his death on January 8, 1980, at the ripe age of 99 years, 6 months, and 26 days. After leaving the farm Abram engaged in cattle buying for farmers and butchers. Then he with his son-in-law, Norman Nyce, took over a retail meat business and from the Kulpville residence were engaged in the butchering and delivery of meats throughout Towamencin Township and Lansdale.

For many years Abram served the Towamencin Public Schools as a director and was one of the moving spirits on the consolidation of the township schools at Kulpville. He continued to serve as an active School Director until the time of the area school juncture which resulted in the North Penn School System. In 1912 he was asked if he would be willing to serve as a director of the Union National Bank in Souderton. After he agreed to do this, he continued in this post for a total of 63 years until 1975, when as he used to say, he was promoted to the position of honorary director. In the circles of the public schools and the banking institution he was always respected for his good judgment of working for the public interest.

In his later years of life, he engaged in much Bible reading, singing, and entertaining visitors. He did not lose interest in the events of the world around him until the last few years of his life. He always enjoyed people and would often call his pastors if they failed to visit him every week or two. He engaged them in discussing the Scriptures and he always knew what he had been reading from the Bible on that day. He was very sensitive to the needs of poor people in the community and in the world wide needs as well. He often asked



