

*Commemorating the 281st Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America*

**SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REUNION**

# ***Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family***

**EAST GREENVILLE PARK**

**Sunday, June 12, 1988**



About 30 miles southwest of Frankfurt, in the village of Wolfsheim, stands this large gate with the inscription

**TILMANN KOLB 1699**

None of the adjacent buildings are as old as this gate, so we must assume that this is all that remains of our ancestor's personal artifacts. Still, we are fortunate to have this in his own hand.

*Photo courtesy Joel Alderfer and Mennonite Historians.*

# Program

1:00 to 2:30

Lunch

2:00 to 2:30

Pennridge Merrymakers

2:30 - Call to Order

Invocation ..... Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

Greetings by the President

Reunion Day Song

Report of the History Committee ..... Abram C. Hunsicker

Awarding of Prizes

Report of the Nominating Committee ..... Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

Shirley K. Miller, Ross Oberholtzer

Election of Officers

Report of the Secretary ..... Ruth K. Oberholtzer

Report of the Treasurer ..... Vernon Hunsberger

Greetings from Chester County Kulp ..... S. Harvey Kulp

Offering

Music Interlude

Remembrance of our Religious Heritage

Devotions in German ..... Isaac Clarence Kulp

Tribute to Deceased Members ..... Isaac Clarence Kulp

Minute of Silence

Reunion Day Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*

"Dielman Kolb Family ... from Wolfsheim to Skippack" .... Joel Alderfer

"America", one stanza

Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

Genealogy Workshop following program ..... Abram C. Hunsicker

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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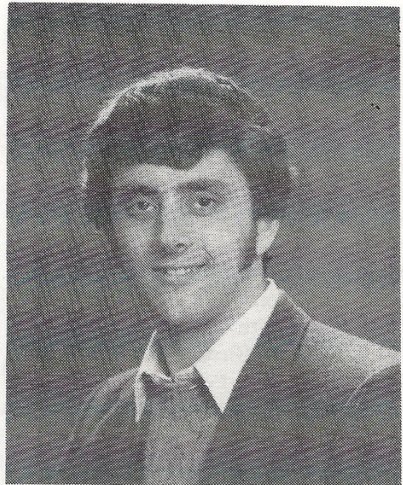
\*\*Deceased

**Our Speaker**  
**JOEL D. ALDERFER**

A native of Lower Salford Township, Joel is a direct descendant of Dielman Kolb of Wolfsheim. He has done genealogical research of Mennonites and Brethren in SE Pennsylvania for about ten years, specializing in Franconia Conference Mennonite names. He has also taken two research-study tours of western Europe where many of his ancestors, including Kolb/Kulp, came from. In 1984 he found the gate pictured on the cover.

Joel graduated from Christopher Dock Mennonite High School and has attended Ursinus College. He is a member of and historian for Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville. He is employed by the Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania as Librarian/Curator. In this role, he is responsible for the library and archives and for the exhibits and collections at the Mennonite Heritage Center. He also does free-lance genealogical research aside from his work for the Mennonite Historians.

Currently Joel is writing an anniversary booklet for the Salford Mennonite Congregation, which is celebrating 270 years of existence this year. Dielman Kolb Jr. was an original settler and minister in the Salford community. Joel has done extensive research on the Godshalk/Gottschall family, the Kolb/Kulp family, Zetty, Buzzard, Booz, Nice/Nyce, Landes and other local families. Joel is married to Cindy Jenkins of Skippack and lives in the village of Vernfield. In addition to historical work, he enjoys gardening, hiking, skiing, auctions, visiting museums and historic sites, and church activities.



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

**Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers**

(Dedicated to the Memory of the  
Early Fore-Parents.)

Tune — "Faith of Our Fathers"

1.

Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
Whenever we hear that glorious word  
Faith of Our Fathers, Conquering Faith,  
We will be true to Thee till death.

2.

Faith of our Mothers, Living Still,  
In deeds of love and service free;  
We gladly pledge our strength our all,  
And humbly own our debt to Thee.  
Faith of Our Mothers, Living Faith,  
We will be true to Thee till death.

5.

Faith of Our Fathers—Mothers, Still,  
In words and truths that never die;  
Thy sons and daughters ever dear,  
Shall claim the Faith that brings God nigh.  
Firm in Our Fathers—Mothers, Faith,  
Will keep us true to Thee till death.

Re-arranged by W. K. Schlotterer, 1936.

**Reunion Day Song**

Tune — "Is This The Crowning Day?"

1.

Happy-reunion day,  
Glad day! Glad day!  
God's own redeeming love;  
Sheds radiant light from above  
In welcome to all today.

— Chorus —

Glad day! Glad day!  
This is reunion day;  
Our ancestors came to this free land,  
For truth and right they deigned to stand;  
Glad day! Glad day!  
This is reunion day.

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.

— Chorus —

Arranged by W. K. Schlotterer, 1938.

**America**

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;

Land where my fathers died  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.

## *In Memoriam*

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Robert Ross Kulp, Glenville, V.Va.	Apr. 3, 1976	52 yrs.
Harry E. Livengood, Pottstown, Pa.	May 9, 1978	93 yrs.
Earl B. Kulp, Green Lane, Pa.	June 14, 1979	
Alverta L. Goshen	Oct. 7, 1982	
Jeanette L. Kulp, Glenville, W.Va.	Jan, 1984	66 yrs.
Cleo F. Layton, Rockville, Md.	Mar. 30, 1985	68 yrs.
Harold T. Smith, Zieglerville, Pa.	Mar. 31, 1985	70 yrs.
Alma Rhoads, Birdsboro, Pa.	Aug. 30, 1985	80 yrs.
Frank Behofcist, Perkasio, Pa.	Apr. 16, 1986	74 yrs.
Marguerite Kulp Johnston, Berkley, Calif.	June 29, 1986	66 yrs.
Debra Lynn Kulp, Pennsburg, Pa.	Aug. 7, 1986	31 yrs.
Ella C. White Kulp, Lebanon, Pa.	Aug. 30, 1986	79 yrs.
Esther M. Livengood, Pottstown, Pa.	Dec. 8, 1986	94 yrs.
Walter F. Kulp, Florida	Jan. 23, 1987	
Marie Rupp Hughes Freed, Germantown, Pa.	Feb. 2, 1987	96 yrs.
Violet Cressman Garges, Sellersville, Pa.	Mar. 25, 1987	71 yrs.
Jennie Derstein	Apr. 5, 1987	91 yrs.
Amy V. Kulp, Green Lane, Pa.	Apr. 10, 1987	83 yrs.
Emme Neiffer DeKalb, Pottstown, Pa.	Apr. 12, 1987	75 yrs.
Robert Walters, Doylestown, Pa.	May 9, 1987	62 yrs.
Emma Meng Kulp Hauch, Royersford, Pa.	May 11, 1987	88 yrs.
Paul W. Kolb, Spring City, Pa.	May 28, 1987	80 yrs.
Levi Kulp, New Tripoli, Pa.	May 28, 1987	82 yrs.
Helen E. K. Pennebecker, Boyertown, Pa.	June 9, 1987	82 yrs.
Sallie K. Rush, Sellersville, Pa.	June 20, 1987	87 yrs.
Harvey S. Standhardt, Sassamansville, Pa.	July 9, 1987	68 yrs.
Mary C. Wismer Kulp, Levittown, Pa.	Aug. 27, 1987	85 yrs.
Latie M. Willauer Allebach, Hatfield, Pa.	Aug. 26, 1987	76 yrs.
Mabel Faulkner, North Wales, Pa.	Oct. 10, 1987	83 yrs.
Robert S. Gibble, Pottstown, Pa.	Oct. 27, 1987	91 yrs.
Bessie M. Kolb, Green Lane, Pa.	Oct. 28, 1987	63 yrs.
Richard S. Koder, Souderton, Pa.	Nov. 16, 1987	36 yrs.
Clarence H. Volk, Jr., Telford, Pa.	Nov. 19, 1987	64 yrs.
Jay V. Kulp, Doylestown, Pa.	Nov. 25, 1987	46 yrs.
Dorothy Mae Kulp, Willow Grove, Pa.	Dec. 7, 1987	52 yrs.
Helen S. Kulp, Blooming Glen, Pa.	Dec. 9, 1987	62 yrs.
Michael J. Elsner, Doylestown, Pa.	Dec. 10, 1987	8 yrs.
Clara K. Snyder Kulp, North Wales, Pa.	Dec. 19, 1987	94 yrs.
Mary Ellen Place, Spring City, Pa.	Jan. 2, 1988	85 yrs.
Violet DeKalb, Pottstown, Pa.	Jan. 12, 1988	70 yrs.
Harrison W. Bender, Emmaus, Pa.	Jan. 26, 1988	74 yrs.
Oliver Joseph Kulp, Red Hill, Pa.	Jan. 26, 1988	77 yrs.
Harold L. Hoffman, New Hanover, Pa.	Jan. 30, 1988	66 yrs.
Marion M. Gervin Mason, Glenside, Pa.	Feb. 8, 1988	83 yrs.
Geraldine Kelly, Lansdale, Pa.	Feb. 9, 1988	49 yrs.
W. Leroy Hallman, Pottstown, Pa.	Feb. 16, 1988	80 yrs.
Marion V. Sheetz, Birdsboro, Pa.	Feb. 26, 1988	
Orlando S. Kolb, Schwenksville, Pa.	Feb. 27, 1988	87 yrs.
Sallie M. Kulp, Upper Salford, Pa.	Mar. 15, 1988	87 yrs.
May I. Harpel, Ambler, Pa.	Mar. 19, 1988	85 yrs.
Ronald D. Kulp, Souderton, Pa.	Mar. 23, 1988	70 yrs.

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family and Friends:

We extend an invitation to you to attend our Sixty-First Year of Annual Reunions.

We are looking forward to you sharing our "groaning board" with us again, each family to bring a sufficient quantity of two foods for their own family. The beverages will be provided by the Committee. We are going to have the time of eating from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. again as it was a big success last year. More time is available for family research.

Members of the History Committee, Abe Hunsicker, Shirley K. Miller, and Joel Alderfer will be available to assist you with your questions about the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family.

We thank you sincerely for your past generosity. Your interest and financial support to cover the rising expenses have made it possible for the Association to continue furnishing speakers, entertainment and issuing an annual folder.

Please notify us of any change of address, as many programs are returned because of no forwarding address. If a member of your family, who was a Kulp, has died recently, and was not listed on our In Memoriam page, please complete the form at the bottom of this sheet, and return to us.

On a sad note, we must tell you that on December 7, 1987 our Executive Member, Dorothy Mae Kulp, passed away. She served as Secretary for 24 years and President for 6 years of the Kulp Family Association. She will be greatly missed as a member of the Executive Committee.

With our best wishes, and we look forward to being with you on June 12th at 1:00 p.m. for the "groaning board."

Cordially,  
Ruth K. Oberholtzer, Secretary  
Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association

June 1988

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NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF DEATH	AGE
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## *Genealogy Notes . . .*

Recent purchases: "CULP AND RELATED FAMILIES", by Mary Frances Beasley, 1986, and "DESCENDANTS OF MICHAEL AND MAGDALENA (RHOADS) CULP", by Anna Mae Baker. From Henry G. Culp comes a 3'x4' family tree of the descendants of Christopher and Maria Culp of Adams and Berks Counties, Pa.

For many years we have been puzzled by a note (Fretz, p. 366) "three Fretz brothers married three Kulp sisters and a cousin, John Fretz, married Mary Kulp, also a sister". With the aid of Joel Alderfer, we found the will of Dillman and Judith Kulp in Bucks County, which led to more information and it is believed a book will be forthcoming.

Gary M. Culp of Niagara Falls, Ontario, would like to contact anyone who has more information on Isaac and Gertrude Ziegler Kolb than is in the Kulp book. Wilma B. Culp of Lansdale has been to Salt Lake City several times and brought back reams of material, much in records from Germany.

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