



Commemorating the 292nd Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

PERKIOMEN SCHOOL

Pennsburg, PA

Saturday, August 14, 1999

Family

**Kolb, Kulp, Culp reunion
and the Goschenhoppen
Folk Festival celebrate
common heritage!**

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This past 4th of July celebration was the 223rd birthday of our nation. With the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Reunion forthcoming on the 14th of August at the Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA it gives reason to reflect and consider. The history of our country is closely tied in with the heritage of our family. Those founding fathers and the original thirteen colonies developed an unprecedented relationship that has extended into what has become the most powerful and generous nation in the history of the world. 292 years ago our European ancestors took the opportunities offered them.

Why did they come to America?

When we consider the hardships of the journey and the primitive and dangerous conditions which awaited them, it is very natural to ask what motivated our early Kolb ancestors to undertake this quest. It seems likely that the motivations were some mixture of economic, religious, social and political factors. Most of the early eighteenth century Kolb immigrants set out from the Palatinate (Pfalz) region of Germany. This region had been devastated by the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Mennonite families were unwelcome in Switzerland during the seventeenth century and many had fled by the end of the century to the Palatinate where their farming skills were appreciated, even though they did not have full religious freedom there. The Reformed Kolbs of Meckesheim were probably more motivated by social and economic reasons, but the Mennonite Kolbs of Wolfsheim probably were looking more toward Wm. Penn's assurances of religious freedom.

Three sons of Dielman Kolb and Agnes Schumacher of Wolfsheim were among the earliest Mennonites to make the journey. Jacob, Martin and Johannes came to Pennsylvania and Germantown in 1707. Jacob and Martin were active in the Mennonite churches at Germantown and Skippack and seemed to find their peace here, but Johannes moved on to South Carolina after about twenty years. Brothers Henry and Dielman followed in 1709 and 1717 and stayed to become leaders in the community. The Reformed Kolbs of Meckesheim came to northern Montgomery Co.

It is important that we consider their lives and what this country offered them. It is our responsibility to keep this torch of freedom alive. All this is fundamental so that future generations may continue to live in this precious environment.

We truly welcome your attendance at the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Reunion and the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival. Let's enjoy a great day together.

Ned Kulp, Glenn Landis

PROGRAM

Perkiomen School, Seminary Ave., Pennsburg, Pa.

Science Center on the Campus

Goschenhoppen Folk Festival, East Greenville, Pa.

11:00 Family Time Science Center
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ... Lunch ("Groaning Board") - Science Center
1:00 p.m. Invocation Ned K. Kulp
Greetings from the Perkiomen School Paul Hausmann
Report of History & Genealogy Committee Glenn H. Landis
Report of Treasurer Veronon Hunsberger
Report of Nominating Committee Harold R. Kulp, Margaret Freed
Election of Officers Brian F. Moyer
Awarding of Prizes Brian F. Moyer
Offering
Remembrance of our Religious Heritage
 Devotions in German Isaac Clarence Kulp
 Tribute to Deceased Members Isaac Clarence Kulp
1:30 p.m. Speaker
1:50 p.m. America (one stanza)
 Prayer and Benediction Isaac Clarence Kulp
2:00 p.m. Adjourn

Glenn Landis available for consultation for Family Genealogy.



Please enjoy the Folk Festival before and after the program.

Note: The reduced admission ticket of \$5.00 per person for the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival must be purchased at the meeting. Children 12 years and under free. See George Kern for Festival Tickets.



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Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

We extend a special invitation to attend our Seventy-second Annual Reunion and also the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival. This will be the last Reunion and Festival in this century. It will be an exciting and educational day.

Joel Alderfer, Glenn H. Landis, Isaac Clarence Kulp and Brian Moyer will be available to assist you with your genealogical questions.

We want to thank Glenn Landis for responding to the many requests we receive regarding the Kolb-Kulp-Culp family. His address is 711 Laurel Ave., Lititz, PA 17543-2928 or on the Internet Glenn L34@AOL.COM.

We do have available the "Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Book" containing some history and programs of all the Reunions. Price \$25.00 plus \$2.00 for postage. Requests for this book can be sent to the secretary.

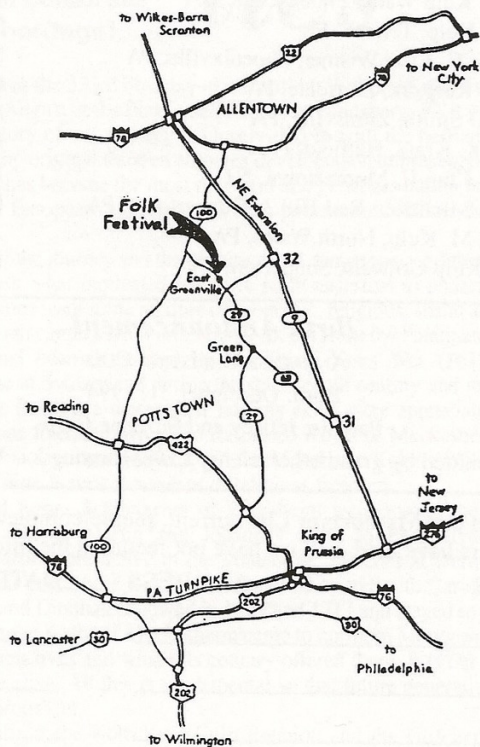
If writing checks please make them payable to the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association.

History will repeat itself at the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival on August 13 and August 14, in East Greenville, PA. Offering a unique, authentic and educational recreation of the life and customs of the Pennsylvania Dutch in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Festival is sponsored by the Goschenhoppen Historians.

We extend to you our best wishes. Please come visit with us on Sat., August 14th, 1999 for a great day!

Cordially,
Ned K. Kulp, President,
Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association

**GOSCHENHOPPEN
FOLK FESTIVAL
and
KOLB-KULP-CULP
REUNION
LOCATION**



Signs will be placed in the Pennsburg area to assist you to find the Science Center on the campus

In Memoriam 1999

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
William E. McQuislon, Belen, NM	Nov. 25, 1990	70
Charles Andrew Culp, Granada Hills, CA	Dec. 27, 1994	38
Ralph Lomar Kulp, Fredericksburg, VA	Aug. 5, 1997	69
T. Earl Culp, Jr., Hanover, PA	Sept. 29, 1997	77
Martha Jean Pappas, Stamps, AR	Oct. 25, 1997	71
R. Kenneth Kulp, Zieglerville, PA	Dec. 15, 1997	72
Samuel Kulp, Philadelphia, PA		
Stanley W. Kulp, Vallejo, CA	Jan. 30, 1998	71
Leanora B. Jackson, Colledgeville, PA	April 3, 1998	
Paul K. Huber, Zieglerville, PA	April 30, 1998	83
Franklin M. Kolb, Allentown, PA	May 12, 1998	82
Mary E. Souder Kulp, Rosenberry, Fagleysville, PA	May 18, 1998	98
Leroy Latshaw, Frederick, PA	June 13, 1998	
Joseph Melvin S. Kolb, Anise, PA & Antioch, W.Va.	July 9, 1998	90
Ruth Nyce Garnett, King of Prussia, PA	July 28, 1998	84
Michael D. Kulp, Sr.	Aug. 6, 1998	46
Ethel M. Benner, Sellersville, PA	Aug. 21, 1998	84
Mary Ann Kulp Kulp, Malvern, PA	Sept. 11, 1998	59
Helen M. Kulp, Telford, PA	Sept. 24, 1998	81
Mabel Alderfer Kulp, Abington, PA	Sept. 25, 1998	92
Beatrice Kulp Watts, Phoenixville, PA	Oct. 13, 1998	89
Ruth D. Kulp, Telford, PA	Nov. 1, 1998	84
Charlotte E. Kulp Wismer, Phoenixville, PA	Nov. 11, 1998	84
Louis F. Kulp, Jr., Lansdale, PA	Feb. 1, 1999	87
James K. Smith, Zionsville, PA	March 16, 1999	85
Melvin K. Kratz, Hatfield, PA	March 17, 1999	84
William Clup II, Moorestown, NJ	March 18, 1999	68
Viola E. Michener, Red Hill & Quakertown, PA	March 26, 1999	81
Mildred M. Kulp, North Wales, PA	April 10, 1999	78
Eva D. Kulp Gotwals, Souderton, PA	May 29, 1999	85

Birth Announcement

ANNALYSE CHRISTINA CULP

Born: December 31, 1994

Parents: Jeffrey and Suzanne Culp

Submitted by grandfather, Henry Culp, Huntingdon Valley, PA



To keep our **Memoriam List** current, please complete the following if any family members have died, and we have not recorded the information. Thank you.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF DEATH	AGE
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PLEASE SEND US BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS, TOO.



Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family

NEWSLETTER

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1999 Family Reunion Will Be Held on August 14th Join Us To Enjoy & Celebrate The Last Reunion In The 20th Century

AGAIN, WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU! We held the Reunion last year in conjunction with the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival. By popular demand we are going to do it again. Please block out the date and join us for a great day.

The nationally recognized Goschenhoppen Folk Festival will be held in East Greenville, PA on both the 13th and 14th of August. It is one of the most authentic portrayals of early American colonial life.

BUT THERE IS MORE! The Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA, will again be our host. Our reunion will be held in the Science Building on the beautiful country side campus. This internationally recognized preparatory school was founded in 1875 and offers a broad education to young students from around the world. The Schwenkfelder Library and Museum is located on the campus and offers a record of the immigrants from 1730 to the 1900's. The school is located within walking distance to the Festival.

REUNION TIME 11:00.

We plan to hold the traditional "groaning board" meal at 11:30 before the Reunion meeting. Please bring along a helping of your favorite foods and drinks with enough to share with another. Wow! did we eat last year – pies, cakes, salads, meats and Pennsylvania Dutch specialties galore. - *Mar Kan Die Deutch Net Biede!*

We extend a welcome to the Kolb, Kulp and Culp family members in associations that meet separately in other parts of the country. We will have updated data on family ties and our computer is

available right at the Reunion site to help you look into your own past family roots. So whether you are local or from far away please help us to make this Reunion the most successful. More details will follow in the Reunion program.



Ruth K. Oberholtzer of North Wales, PA secretary of the Family Association, and Ned Kulp of Chalfont, president, display a flag bearing the family crest.

Photo by JOSEPH F. MORSELLO



Mark and Dorene Kulp feasted on Maine lobster, then climbed Mt. Katahdin on the Applachain Trail. Katahdin is the highest mountain in Maine. They reside in Millburn, NJ. Photo was taken by Marshall Kulp of Indianapolis, IN also a climber who shared in the lobster.

SOME KOLB-KULP-CULP TRIVIA:

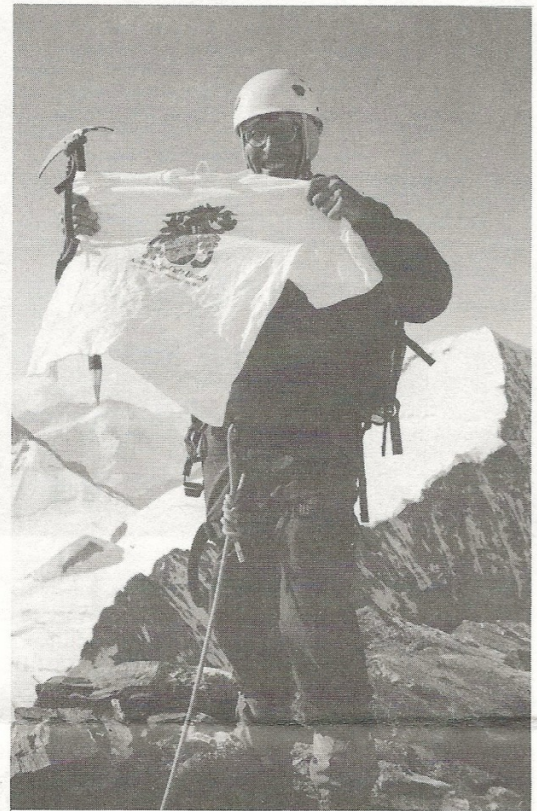
MARY KULP of Lansdale, PA was declared the world's fastest woman pretzel twister; she was clocked at 60 handtwisted pretzels per minute as an employee of Perfect Foods.

HAROLD KULP of Pottstown, PA and his family before have been dairy farmers in the same farm house location for 100 years. He has to supervise the milking of 150 Holstein and Ayrshire cows twice a day, 7 days a week, rain or shine. In 1998, the cows consumed over 15,000 bales of hay.

According to a letter in 1932 from **CARL LEO KULP**, family historian in Darmstadt, Germany, Emperor Leopold conferred nobility on Johann George Kulpis in the year 1694.

HOW MANY KOLP, KULP & CULPS ARE LISTED. . .

- In the Manhattan Borough, NYC, NY phone book? . . . 29
- In the North Penn area of Eastern Pennsylvania? . . . 350
- In the greater San Francisco, CA area? . . .21
- In the greater Miami, FL area? . . .21
- In the Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada area? . . .93



Christopher Kulp of Los Gatos, CA again remembered us by taking along a "T" Shirt and displaying it from the summit of the Eiger. This notorious mountain in the Alps of Switzerland provided a real challenge and was the fulfillment of a wish of many years.



Back in the 1780's George Michael Kolb, a German born immigrant, started a wheelwright business. This vocation continued for five generations. Today, twin brothers Richard and Robert Kulp of New Hanover township, PA have dedicated themselves towards the rejuvenation and continuation of the Kulp Wheelwright Shop. The great-grandsons' research discovered that the early wheelwrights constructed almost anything that horses could pull from sleighs to hay wagons, yes, even hearses. These modern day "Wagon Masters" brothers are pulling together for the 6th generation. The "Wheels of Progress" will keep rolling along into the millennium with the interest and dedication of the Kulp brothers. They can be contacted at 610-754-7295.

**1999 REUNION SATURDAY,
AUGUST 14! SEE YOUR THERE!!!
THEN ON TO THE MILLENNIUM**

Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Crest T-Shirts and Tiles a Success !

Thanks for helping to make the sales of our colorful T-Shirt imprinted with the family crest and the quaint tiles also bearing the crest so very successful. To date we are completely sold out. Before we have more of each produced it seemed best if we find out if there is a market for more. Should you have need for any more please get in touch with Ruth Oberholtzer. You can also order them at the Reunion. The T-Shirts cost remains the same - \$12.00. The commemorative tiles also remain the same - \$20.00. Postage will be added to the cost.

Finding Your Heritage Through Festivals

In addition to the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival there are some other festivals that are annual traditions. They also are based around the German culture of our heritage. During the 4th of July holiday, check out the Pennsylvania German Folk Festival.

In Berks county in September is the Heemet Fescht (*home festival*). This festival features activities and crafts that were being done on a typical Pennsylvania German farm and home. The Heemet Fescht is located at the farm grounds of Kutztown University.

You will enjoy a visit to the Apple Butter Frolic in Harleysville, PA, in October. Homemade apple butter, scrap-ple, bread, pies, and not to mention, great demonstrations of old time farming,.



LATE BREAKING NEWS:

We just received this news when the mid-week stage coach stopped off in Kulpsville enroute from Constitution Hall, Philadelphia. The first Continental Congress has just adjourned for the summer recess. We immediately sent an invitation by the return trip to a very special member of the Congress to join us at the Reunion. You will be delighted to know he accepted our invitation and will be with us for the family feast. He will make a short talk afterwards. So bring your camera and questions and meet in person this well known signer of the US Constitution.

Help Is Needed!!!

We welcome your volunteer services on the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association Executive Committee and/or specialty committees. You do not have to live in eastern Pennsylvania - you can serve from any location, local or distant. With the FAX machine, E Mail, the telephone, even smoke signals, we can communicate. This year we are in need of a new President and a Treasurer. New ideas and enthusiasm representing various parts of the country are always welcome additions.

Our financial circumstances are of concern. We depend on Reunion Day collections, personal contributions, fund raising promotions and other income. With the cost of printing, mailings, phone services, Reunion expenditures, etc., there is always a struggle to keep our bank balance on the plus side. Please consider any donation you feel inclined to give to help keep the Kolb, Kulp, Culp ship afloat. We do greatly appreciate large single gifts, But we are most impressed if a larger number of Family contribute. Please try and come to your Reunion. But if you can't make it please let us hear from you with a heart felt contribution. Thanks for your consideration.

We're on the Internet

The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family has a firm footing in the 21st century. There is a web site on the internet that includes an e-mailing list of about 90 people as well as a family tree. This is a great resource and well worth checking out. The web site address is: www.genealogy.org/~culp/. For genealogy questions and information you can contact Glenn Landis at GlennL34@aol.com. If you have reunion questions or info for the newsletter or you would just like to say "hi" you can contact our Vice President of the reunion committee, Brian Moyer at BrianM22@aol.com.



Heather Ferrence, left, of North Wales, welcomes Eloise Haldemen, who traveled from Los Angeles to attend the event, a long-time family tradition.

Photo by Joseph F. Morsello



Deb & Jaclyn Reimel of Schwenksville, PA hold the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Commemorative tile with the family crest.

The Folk Festival and the Reunion. *A great day was had by everybody! Join us in '99*



4 generations shown above attended the reunion.

Seated L to R - Merrie Willis, Foxboro, MA

Roger & Nancy Schroeder, Atlanta, GA

Standing: Clara Pritchard, Perkasie, PA

Margaret Wolf, Inverness, FL,

Teri Lynne McCurey & daughter Lexi - Atlanta, GA



Isaac Clarence Kulp, left, who presented the devotions in German at the Reunion, and Joel Alderfer, both of Harleysville, are historians for the Kolb, Kulp, Culp family.

Photos by Joseph F. Morsello