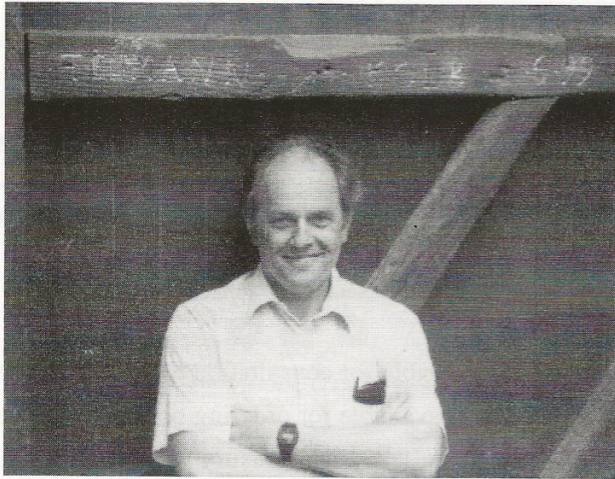




Commemorating the 293rd Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REUNION
Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2000
LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH
Evansburg and Meeting House Roads
Skippack, PA 19474



Our Speaker: JOHN L. RUTH

*Topic: From the Palatinate to Pennsylvania
The Resettlement of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family*

John Landis Ruth, born in 1930, lives on his eight-generation maternal homestead in Montgomery County. He is a graduate of Eastern College and Harvard University with a Ph.D. in English and American Literature. Dr. Ruth has taught English at Eastern College and the University of Hamburg, Germany. In 1975, he turned to directing film and video documentaries. Included among his many projects is a film documentary: "The Amish: A People of Preservation." Among his books is " 'Twas Seeding Time: A Mennonite View of the American Revolution." Dr. Ruth has traveled extensively and annually leads tours to Europe related to history. For two decades he served as Associate Minister of the Salford Mennonite congregation near Harleysville. Having retired from the ministry in 1993, he continues on the Board of the Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania, while preparing a multi-volume narrative interpretation of Mennonite Life in the Lower Salford/Franconia region.

PROGRAM

Lower Skippack Mennonite Church

Picnic Grove (clear weather) Meeting Building (inclement weather)

12:00 Family Time	
12:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Lunch ("Groaning Board")
2:00 p.m. Invocation	Ned K. Kulp
Greetings from the Church	Brian Boyer, Pastor
Report of History & Genealogy Committee	Glenn H. Landis
Report of Treasurer	Rodney Kulp
Report of Nominating Committee	Brian F. Moyer
Election of Officers	George Kern
Awarding of Prizes	Harold Kulp
Special Report	Harold Kulp, Esq.
Offering	
Remembrance of our Religious Heritage	
Devotions in German	Isaac Clarence Kulp
Tribute to Deceased Members	Isaac Clarence Kulp
2:30 p.m. Speaker	John L. Ruth
3:00 Walking Tour	Joel Alderfer
3:30 p.m. America (one stanza)	Ned Kulp
Benediction	Isaac Clarence Kulp
3:30 p.m. Adjournment	



Glenn Landis will be available for consultation for Family Genealogy.
John Oberholtzer will be available for ordering books; "T"-shirts and tiles.
Rodney Kulp will be available for treasury information and receipt of special gifts.



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Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

We extend an invitation to you to attend our Seventy-third Annual Reunion. It will be an exciting and educational day.

The "groaning board" lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Each family should bring a sufficient quantity of foods to serve their family and share with others. Also bring paper plates and utensils.

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

The reprint of the Danile K. Cassel "Kulp Family Book" can be purchased from the Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA, P.O. Box 82, 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville, PA 19438. Price: \$30.00 plus \$3.50 Shipping plus PA Sales Tax.

We do have available the "Kulp Family Book" containing programs of all the Reunions. Price \$25.00 plus \$2.00 for postage. Requests for this book can be sent to the secretary, Ruth Oberholtzer.

The John K. Kulp Family Genealogy includes information relative to all the early Kolbs with a name index. It can be purchased from: D. Evelyn Kulp Petering, 382 N. Dellasburg Rd., Columbus, IN 47203-9651, e-mail: develyn@juno.com, Phone: 812-372-8996. Price: \$12.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.

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

We extend to you our best wishes. Please come visit with us on Sunday, July 16, 2000 for a great day!

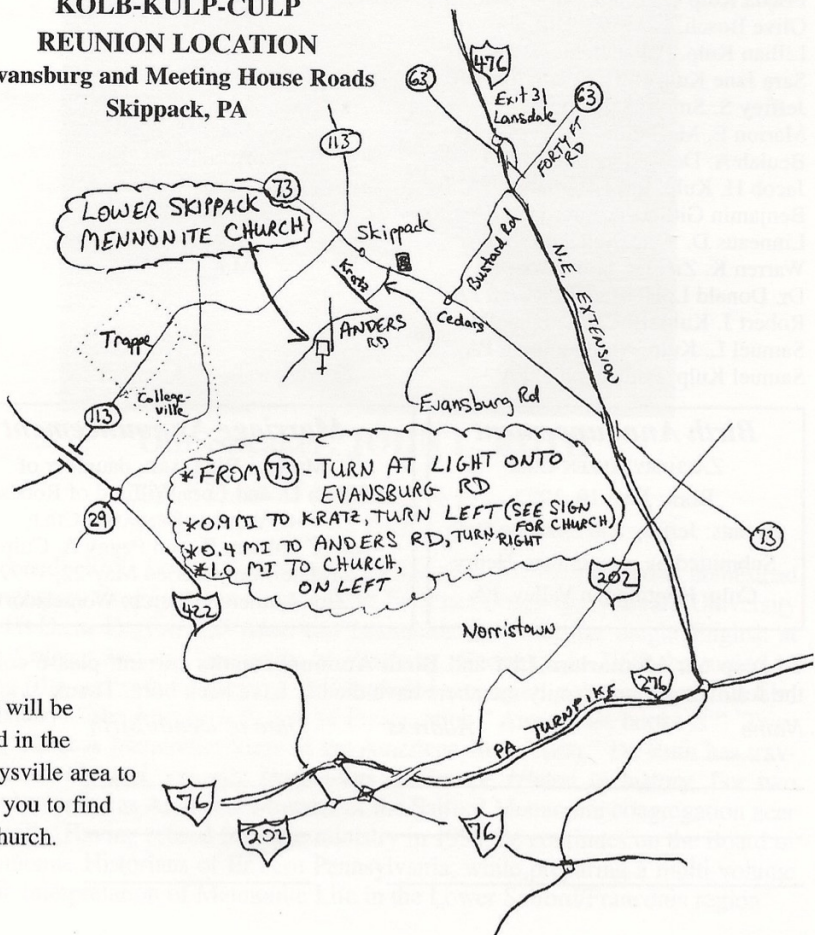
Cordially,

Ned K. Kulp, President,

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association

KOLB-KULP-CULP REUNION LOCATION

Evansburg and Meeting House Roads
Skipack, PA



Signs will be placed in the Harleysville area to assist you to find the Church.

In Memoriam 2000

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
William E. McQuiston, Belen, NM	Nov. 25, 1990	70
Ruth G. Kulp, Souderton, PA	Nov. 19, 1998	82
Emma Kulp Koffel, Souderton, PA	Jan. 17, 1999	84
Hilda Hoffman, Harleysville, PA	Feb. 8, 1999	
William Culp, II, Moorestown, NJ	Mar. 18, 1999	68
Leonard H. Lessig, Phoenixville, PA	April 5, 1999	96
Kenneth E. Kolb, Coplay, PA	May 29, 1999	80
Harry S. Kulp, Kittery, Maine	July 6, 1999	93
Norman B. Kulp, Franconia, PA	Aug. 11, 1999	81
Elsie M. Kulp Walter, Schwenksville, PA	Aug. 19, 1999	64
Lewis Culp, Flourtown, PA	Sept. 1, 1999	83
Pearl D. Kulp, Souderton, PA	Sept. 3, 1999	
George E. Kulp, East Norriton, PA	Oct. 9, 1999	72
Marvin K. Landis, Souderton, PA	Oct. 19, 1999	94
E. Kathryn Yoder, Perkasio, PA	Oct. 19, 1999	83
Margaret Kulp Grosse, Souderton, PA	Oct. 31, 1999	93
Marian M. Weisel, Hatfield, PA	Oct. 31, 1999	90
William D. Kulp, Sr., West Point & Jim Thorpe, PA	Dec. 13, 1999	79
J. Elton Overholt, Dublin, PA	Dec. 20, 1999	74
Willard C. Kratz, Hatfield, PA	Jan. 17, 2000	76
Frieda Kulp Godshall, Springfield, Del. Co., PA	Feb. 5, 2000	83
Olive Bosch, Lafayette Hill, PA	Feb. 21, 2000	87
Lillian Kulp, Philadelphia, PA	Feb., 2000	
Sara Jane Kulp Hoff, Souderton, PA	Feb. 28, 2000	90
Jeffrey S. Smith, Sellersville, PA	Mar. 3, 2000	42
Marion E. McCarthy, Worcester, PA	Mar. 24, 2000	88
Beulah A. Detweiler, Telford, PA	April 3, 2000	80
Jacob H. Kulp, Lake Harmony, PA	April 7, 2000	53
Benjamin Gitlin, Jr., Lansdale, PA	April 9, 2000	51
Linneaus D. Kulp, Sellersville, PA	April 14, 2000	86
Warren K. Ziegler, Souderton, PA	May 2, 2000	92
Dr. Donald L. Helfferich, Rydal, PA		
Robert J. Kulp, E. Catasauqua, PA		
Samuel L. Kulp, Northampton, PA		
Samuel Kulp, Philadelphia, PA		

Birth Announcement

ZACHARY ALLEN CULP

Born: June 19, 1997

Parents: Jeffrey and Suzanne Culp

Submitted by grandfather, Henry

Culp, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Marriage Announcement

MONIKA WILLIARD, daughter of
William D. and Lora Williard of Robesonia
and WILLIAM BENJAMIN CULP,
son of William R. and Peggy A. Culp of
Lansdale were married May 22, 1999 at
Zion Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf

To keep our **Memorial List** and **Birth Announcements** current, please complete the following if any family members have died or have been born. Thank you.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Date of Death/Birth</i>	<i>Age</i>
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Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family

N E W S L E T T E R

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Our Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 16th, 2000

At sunset on the 25th of March, I stood before the timber over the gateway at Church Strasse that was initialed by Tilmann Kolb in 1699 in our small hometown of Wolfsheim, Mainz/Bingen, Germany. He did this prior to leaving for America. Thus began the 300 years of family history in America.

We've come a long way! And now we have entered the new millennium. I am pleased to highlight the important events for this past year. Your Family Association Executive Committee has been enlarged and Officer positions increased. This has spread the responsibilities and broadened leadership. By taking our Reunion to a different location and date it gave opportunities for more family and friends to attend and enrich our programs. We have seen new folks and have especially noted an increase in young people's attendance.

On the administrative side we have tackled problems that involved our Association's legal status involving such concerns as liability factors and tax considerations. We plan to have answers for you by the time of the Reunion.

Our new newsletter has been well received across the USA. We need your comments, and family stories. The Family Crest Tiles and "T" shirts have sold out. Our finances are growing stronger but we need increased funds to serve you better.

The 73rd Reunion will be held at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Evansburg and Meetinghouse Roads, Skippack, PA 19474, (610) 489-9276.

Several of the first Family immigrants are buried in the Church Graveyard. The area offers lots of pertinent history. There is plenty of space and recreational equipment for the kids to enjoy and a great country atmosphere for our "groaning boards" family picnic. From Wolfsheim to Skippack, we are headed for a great Reunion, *the first in the new millennium.*

It is a great pleasure to announce that our speaker will be Dr. John Ruth, noted historian, educator and film producer. His presentation with slides will be about the re-settlement of our family from the Palatinate to Pennsylvania.

Historical Recognition

For the last Family Reunion in the 19th Century, it seemed appropriate to honor our forefathers and foremothers with a special and meaningful recognition. With our Family roots in William Penn's beautiful Pennsylvania countryside, we asked PA Governor Tom Ridge and PA Senator Joe Conti to help prepare an honorary document for our Reunion occasion. A handsome portfolio was prepared. But it just didn't seem proper to have it without a very special guest to present it. So we invited Dr. Benjamin (Ben) Franklin. He did a great job! What a wonderful remembrance! Ruth Oberholtzer has the document in safe keeping in our heritage files. We'll have it on display at the Reunion. **We are appreciative of this historical recognition.**



Dr. Ben Franklin and Ned Kulp display the Pennsylvania document.

Word From the West...

* Help Is Needed!!!

Robert L. Culp sent the picture below and reported he painted his Family tile with acrylic paint. He has offered to show it at our next Reunion. Robert calls Mission Viejo, CA his home. He is related to Peter Culp SR and JR and Lewis and Vere Culp of Ohio. Great to hear from you, Robert!



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. With the FAX machine, E-mail, the telephone, even smoke signals, we can communicate. This year we are in need of a new President to replace our retiring Ned Kulp. New ideas and enthusiasm representing various parts of the country are always welcome additions.

Our financial circumstances need your support. 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 to help keep the Kolb, Kulp, Culp ship afloat. Please try and come to your Reunion. Thanks for your consideration and help.

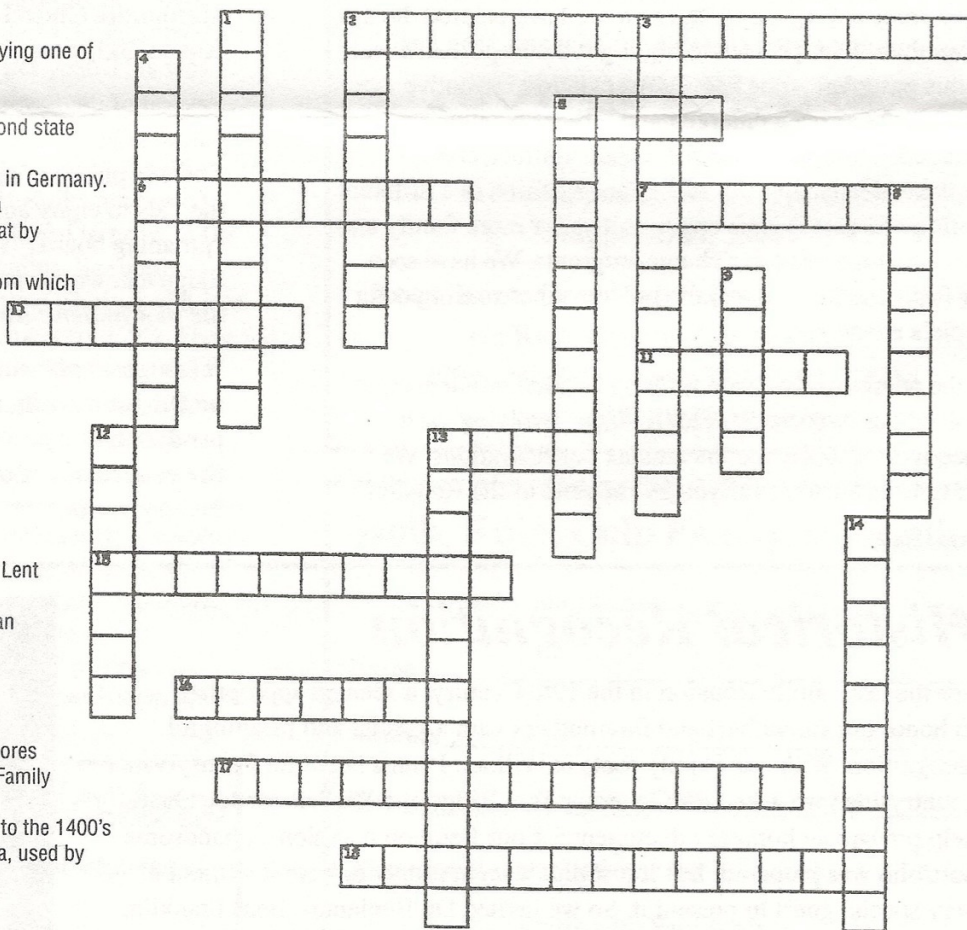
Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Funword Puzzle

Down

1. Small village in eastern Pennsylvania carrying one of the Family names.
2. Pickled mixture of garden vegetables
3. Home of the German immigrants and second state of the USA (1781)
4. Home town of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family in Germany.
5. Founder of Quaker colony in Pennsylvania
8. Food medley of corn meal, meat, and meat by products; mostly pork
9. The major river flowing thru the region from which the Kolb, Kulp, Culp resettlement started
12. Center of culture during period of immigration from Europe
13. Founder of the Reformation in 1517
14. X-mas tree

Across

2. Noted educator in the Mennonite faith
5. Primary agricultural product along the Rhine River
6. Doughnut pastry eaten more often during Lent
7. Any strong, dry German beverage
10. Pie pastry enjoyed by Pennsylvania German immigrants
11. Conservative religious sect using only horse and mule power and no electricity
13. Long eared, strong and hearty quadraped animal used by immigrants for farming chores
15. Major region in Germany from which our Family sought resettlement in America
16. Famous twisted bakery snack dating back to the 1400's
17. Four wheeled wagon made in Pennsylvania, used by pioneers traveling west
18. Bavarian home of the Passion Play



Our thanks go to Amanda Kulp for her creativity in helping to construct this puzzle in conjunction with Puzzlemaker Discovery Channel School. She is the daughter of Jon & Vicki Kulp of Morgantown, PA. Answers available at the Reunion or by return, self-addressed stamped envelop.

Family ties

Kolb-Kulp-Culp family holds 72nd annual reunion

The Family held its 72nd annual reunion August 14th at the Perkiomen School in Pennsburg. The event, held in conjunction with the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival in East Greenville, commemorates the 292nd anniversary of the family's arrival in America.

Story from Central Buck Life, August 20-26, 1999

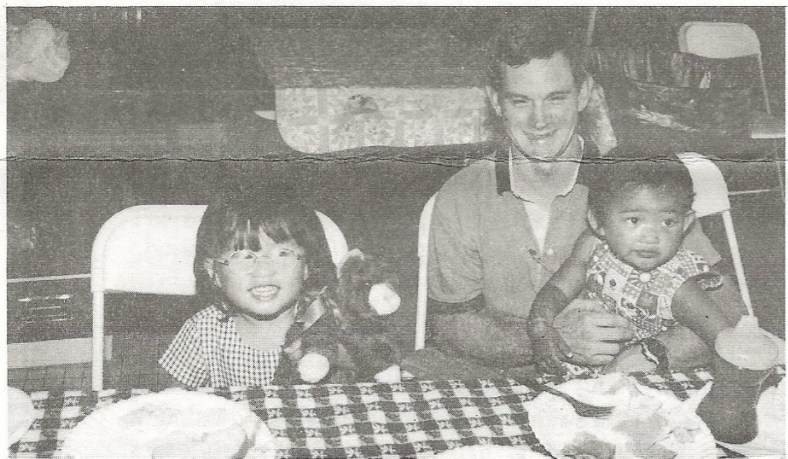
Photos by Joe Morsello



Ruth K. Oberholtzer, secretary of the Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association, of North Wales, proudly shows Alex Kulp of Cheltenham and twin brothers, Richard and Robert Kulp of New Hanover Township, a plaque she received during the 72nd annual family reunion held in conjunction with the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival in East Greenville.



Eric Kulp of Bedminster and Ann Kulp of Lansdale admire the commemorative plate which bears the Kolb-Kulp-Culp family Coat of Arms.



Above, Jack Oberholtzer and his adopted daughters, Amy Miaoying, 2, and Jackie XU, 3 1/2, of Jamison, enjoy the 'groaning board' laden with home-cooked food at the recent family reunion; Below, Joel Alderfer, family historian, of Harleysville, welcomes family members who celebrate their rich heritage.



Nancy Pyle McGee, left, and her cousin, Isabel Morton Sammler display a tote bag adorned with the family crest.



The German/US Immigration

An Overview with Comments

by Ned Kulp

with a digest of passages from a commentary by the late Willoughby Moyer

In the late 1600's and early 1700's the German farmers, as an example in the Duchy of Pfalz, could not own land nor keep most of the crops they produced. Religious freedom was not of their own determination. They had to accept the same religion as the Duke. If there was dissent they could be labeled as infidels and even punished. The Reformation was now expanding its influence after Martin Luther had posted his 95 Theses in 1517. The 30 Years War had left a devastating effect on much of Germany. The pressures for economic security, freedom of thought, and personal spiritual beliefs encouraged many subjects in Pfalz and other regions to leave their homeland. Many of these immigrants were followers of Menno Simons (Mennonites) and Jost Amman (Amish). Lutherans and other sects such as Morvians, members of a Hussite Protestant sect, joined the movement to America.

In 1698, a Hollander named Matthias van Beeber, a land merchant, brought 6166 acres of land from William Penn. He sold 160 acre plots to some farmers along the Rhine River. In 1709, Jacob, Heinrich and Martin Kolb bought land from him. In 1717 van Beeber rented 100 acres to the Mennonites for 1 shilling and 4 pence per year. This was used for a church, a school, and a burial ground.

Coincidentally, our Reunion on July 16th will take place on this church site, the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Skippack, PA. Several of the immigrant Kolbs are buried there. As the German immigration continued to grow in the Philadelphia area, the city fathers, including Benjamin Franklin encouraged the Germans to move up-river and into farm country. They were successful farmers by 1713. They had ample grain to ship into Philadelphia. They continued to speak in their Pfalsich dialect, now called Pennsylvania Dutch. The Kolb family was from Wolfsheim, a small hamlet in Kreis Mainz-Bingen, Germany.

For those who have an interest in further research in Kolb, Kulp, Culp history, the Mennonite Heritage Museum & Library in Harleysville, PA has many resources available. We suggest you contact Joel Alderfer, Librarian and Curator, at 215-256-3020, Fax 215-256-3023. A recent acquisition included a historic collection from Hiram and Mary Jane Hershey.

Word From Our Athletes

Mark Kulp of Millburn, NJ finished his 4th Marathon, this time Pittsburgh, PA.

Christopher Kulp of Los Gatos, CA, recently climbed the Polar Circus Frozen Waterfall Route on Mt. Cirris, Alberta, Canada.

It has been estimated that over 50 million Americans are of German decent. Their influences reflect their respect for the family, deep spiritual roots, the work ethic, dignity of the individual, and an extensive cultural appreciation.

This year, 2000, musical celebrations will be held across the USA honoring the life and musical genius of J. S. Bach who gave musical leadership throughout Germany. His life stretched from 1685 to 1750, the early period encompassing the resettlement of the Family. The first Bach choir was started by the Morvians in Bethlehem, PA in 1898. The musical banner was carried into later times by the influences of other German musicians such as Beethoven, Handel, Mendelssohn, Schumann and others.

The sociological mosaic of America is made up of the relationships of many races, creeds, and colors. The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family has provided a positive influence as its thread is woven into the fabric of our country.

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