



*Commemorating the 294th Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America*

**SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION**

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

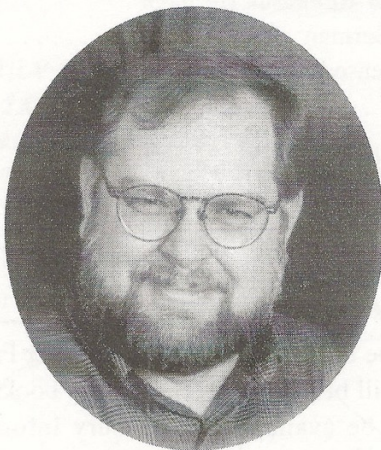
**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2001**

**LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Evansburg and Meeting House Roads**

**Skippack, PA 19474**

**Our  
Speaker**



**PHIL  
RUTH**

Phil Ruth lives on a farm in Lower Salford Township, which has been in his family for eight generations, with his wife and three children. Since 1986 he has authored more than a dozen books of local history. Through his writing, consulting, and management of an extensive personal archive of historic photographs he has contributed to scores of regional history books, articles, and research projects. From 1988 to 1993 he was a partner with his father John Ruth and brother Jay Ruth in Branch Valley Productions, a video production company specializing in historical and cultural documentaries. In 1995 he joined the staff of Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc. (CHRS), a cultural resources consulting firm headquartered in North Wales, where he serves as Director of Research.

While maintaining his full-time position, he has also continued to write and publish books on local history topics. He is currently working on histories of Penn Foundation, Dock Woods Communities, ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, and the village of Blooming Glen. He served as the historian for the team that nominated the Isaac Kulp Farm to the Register of Historic Places.

# PROGRAM

## Lower Skippack Mennonite Church

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

- 12:00 Family Time  
12:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. . . . . Lunch ("Groaning Board")  
1:30 p.m Entertainment. . . . . by Keith Brintzenhoff  
2:15 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 & Election of Officers . . . . . Stuart 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  
2:45 p.m. Speaker . . . . . Phil Ruth  
3:15 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.



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ned K. Kulp, President . . . . . 102 Cornwall Dr., Chalfont, PA 18914  
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We sincerely welcome any inquiries from other areas in the USA for membership on the committee.



Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

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

The "groaning board" lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 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.

Because of popular demand, we have placed a fourth order for Family Crest "T" shirts. They will be available at the Reunion and by mail by contacting our secretary, Ruth Oberholtzer, and/or Scott and Stephanie Lingle, 213 Pinetown Rd., Audubon, PA.

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

We extend to you our best wishes. Please come visit with us on Sunday, June 17, 2001 for a great day!

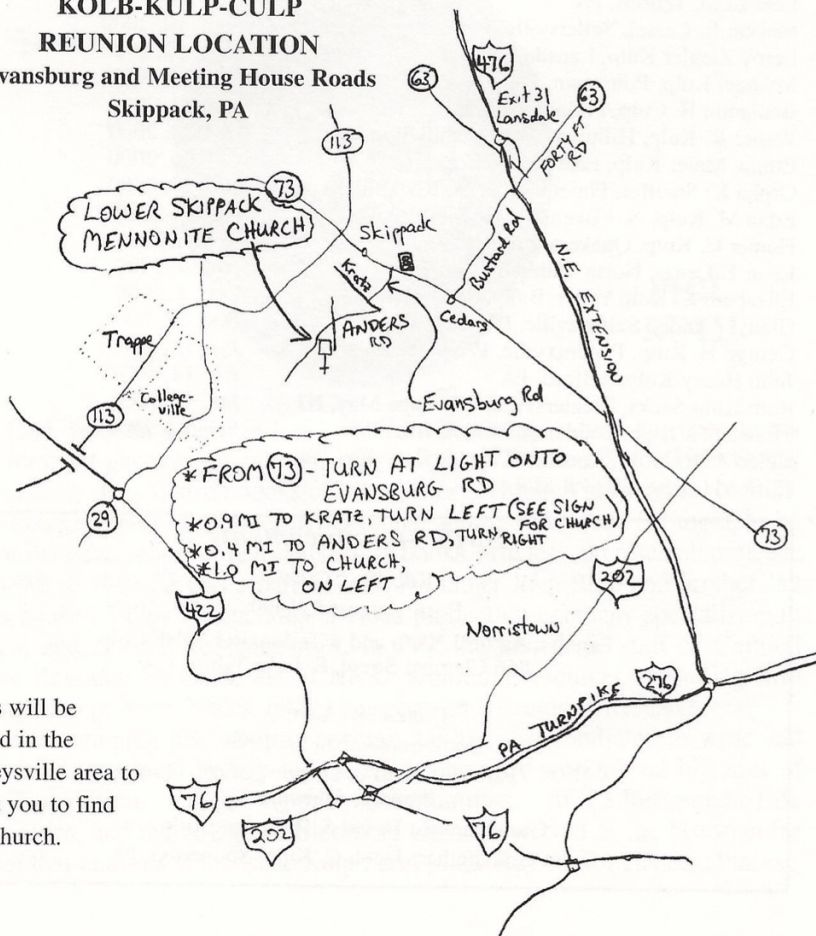
Cordially,

Ned K. Kulp, President,

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association, Inc.

## KOLB-KULP-CULP REUNION LOCATION

Evansburg and Meeting House Roads  
Skippack, PA



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

# In Memoriam 2001

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mazie C. Schaffer, East Greenville, PA	Dec. 13, 1997	75
Herbert D. Stellwagon, Jr., Downingtown, PA	Aug. 16, 1998	
Madlin Culp, Nappanee, IN	Feb. 14, 1999	
Charles A. Beasley, Fort Smith, AR	Sept. 11, 1999	
Herbert W. Borneman, Schwenksville, PA	Dec. 21, 1999	96-1/2
Grace Heyen, Wyomissing, PA	Dec. 26, 1999	74
Walter Byron Romaine, Magnolia, AR	Jan. 6, 2000	81
Carol A. Hank, Upper Pottsgrove Twp., PA	Jan. 17, 2000	55
Anna May Moser, East Greenville, PA	Jan. 23, 2000	72
Lillian P. Kulp, Philadelphia, PA	Feb. 8, 2000	91
Earl L. Kulp, Pottstown, PA	Feb. 18, 2000	
Cyril J. Heyen, Wyomissing, PA	Feb. 19, 2000	76
Hazel E. Hindman, Willow Grove, PA	Feb. 29, 2000	91
Helen M. Kulp, Red Hill, PA	April 9, 2000	
Eugene Schaffer, Pennsburg, PA	May 3, 2000	
G. Lupton Broomell, Jr., Worcester, PA	May 17, 2000	
Sara A. Seitz Kulp, Hilltown & Telford, PA	June 22, 2000	
Gerald Lynn Kolb, Souderton, PA	Aug. 11, 2000	37
Evelyn R. Cassel, Souderton, PA	Aug. 12, 2000	71
Rodman F. Kulp, East Brunswick, NJ	Aug. 18, 2000	86
Levi Kolb, Telford, PA	Aug. 23, 2000	41
Mervin E. Cassel, Sellersville, PA	Sept. 10, 2000	79
Leroy Ziegler Kulp, Lansdale, PA	Sept. 20, 2000	75
Michael Kulp, Pottstown, PA	Oct. 22, 2000	54
Benjamin B. Culp, Philadelphia, PA	Oct. 23, 2000	
Walter R. Kulp, Hilltown, W. Rockhill Twp., PA	Oct. 24, 2000	90
Emma Maier Kulp, East Brunswick, NJ	Oct. 26, 2000	87
Orpha K. Stauffer, Phoenixville, W. Rockhill Twp., PA	Oct. 29, 2000	86
Edna M. Kulp, N. Coventry, Carlisle, PA	Nov. 3, 2000	93
Homer C. Kulp, Quakertown, PA	Nov. 6, 2000	83
Leon T. Lewis, North Wales, PA	Nov. 7, 2000	73
Elizabeth C. Kulp Yoder, Bally, Souderton, PA	Dec. 2, 2000	92
Gladys Landis, Salfordville, PA	Dec. 22, 2000	71
George H. Kulp, Phoenixville, PA	Jan. 1, 2001	82
John Henry Kulp, Telford, PA	Jan. 14, 2001	87
Ruth Kulp Sacks, Zieglersville, PA, Cape May, NJ	Jan. 16, 2001	81
Michael H. Kulp, Souderton, Sellersville, PA	Feb. 22, 2001	48
Helen A. Kulp, W. Rockhill Twp., Sellersville, PA		
Clifford Carey, Nisswa, MN		

## *Birth Announcements*

KIRA RAE CULP

Born: August 5, 1999

Parents: Aaron J. Culp and wife Jennifer Selak Culp  
866 Clement Street, S. Lake Tahoe, CA

DARLA JOY LANDIS

Born: September 17, 1999

Parents: David & Debbie Landis,  
Atmore, Alabama

Grandparents: David & Ruth Ann Kulp

Great-Grandfather: Jacob C. Kulp, Souderton, PA





# Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family

NEWSLETTER

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April 2001

## Our Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2001

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** Welcome to the New Millennium. All the KOLB, KULP, CULP FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, friends and special guests are invited to the 74th Reunion:

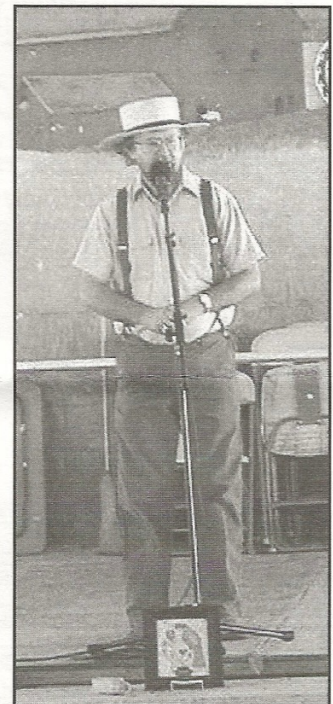
**WHERE:** Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Evansburg and Meetinghouse Roads, Skippack, PA 19474

**WHEN:** June 17th, 2001, 12:00 p.m., Father's Day

**WHY?:** To celebrate our heritage thru Forefathers, Foremothers, Dads, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, Kids, Grandchildren, Friends and many other reasons.

It's a special pleasure to invite you to the **REUNION 2001** to be held at the same location as last year. This year we moved it back to the month of **JUNE** to make it easier for more folks to attend. Your planning committee has made special efforts to make this reunion the best ever. We have had unanimous response to return to the same location. The historical region, a beautiful setting and a recreational area make this the ideal location. The association is especially hopeful of having family members from across the country, particularly those who have never enjoyed the reunion's warm friendship, great food, data on your genealogy and fun. We have invited **KEITH BRINTZENHOFF** of Kutztown, PA to entertain us with authentic "*Pennsylvanish Deitsch*" songs, jokes, stories, and educational information. He is a

well known entertainer with appearances in film, TV, radio and tours in Europe. Keith has studied folklore and folk music at the graduate level at George Washington University. He researched, accumulated, and learned dialect songs and serves as musical advisor for the Kutztown Pennsylvania German Festival. And that's not all! Our speaker will be **PHILIP RUTH**, noted historian and researcher. He will talk about his research into the Kolb, Kulp, Culp history and in particular the indepth work to have the Issac Kulp Homestead added to the National Register of Historic Places. So please lay your plans, bring along food for the "*Groaning Board*", and come early to the Reunion on the 17 of June. From coast to coast and border to border, please join us in Skippack, PA.



*Keith Brintzenhoff*

## Come Fly With Us!!!

*Committee member Hal Kulp invites. . .*

The family is planning a possible group tour to Germany to include stops in Wolfsheim (our ancestral home) and other spots of interest and historical significance. Planned for 35 to 40 lucky family members and to take place in the late summer or early fall of 2002, the trip will be between 10 and 14 days long, and will be guided by an individual with knowledge of our family history and extensive travel experience in the areas to be visited. It is estimated the cost of the trip will be in the range of \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 per person. Given sufficient interest, this could become an annual event.

If you think you may have interest in being included in the traveling group, contact Hal Kulp at email address: [kul647@aol.com](mailto:kul647@aol.com) or mail to Suite 1, 4 Smedley Lane, Newtown Square, PA 19073. There are so many areas of historical family significance, regions of beauty, and cultural enjoyments including music, and the arts for us to appreciate. Please let me hear from you soon if interested.



Please Clip & Send

# Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association

Please note my contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Also note my interest/order for:

“T” SHIRTS WITH FAMILY CREST

Size: S M L XL

Price \$12.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping

FAMILY CREST TILE

Price \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping

Mail to:

Mrs Ruth Oberholtzer

209 South 5th Street, North Wales, PA 19454

## Answers from 2000 Puzzle

### Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Funword Puzzle

**Down**

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

**Across**

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

# 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. 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 are always welcome additions.

Our financial circumstances need your support. We depend on Reunion Day collections, personal contributions, fund raising promotions and other income. Please consider any donation to help keep the Kolb, Kulp, Culp ship afloat. Thanks for your consideration and help.

## Kolb-Kulp-Culp Word Search

with a special hidden invitation.

S E P N E Y O U A T P I T H E  
 R E L N K U N I O I N M D E V  
 Y A U E P O T Y H X J M G F F  
 E Y K P S U L S D B K I B L Y  
 C L M M C X W B F B O G G E M  
 U I L A S O E G A T I R E H K  
 L M M I L N H V Q N O A J I S  
 P A F L V P O C P R E T Z E L  
 E F E L V S I I P S G I C J G  
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|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| CULP         | FAMILY    | FELLOWSHIP  |
| GERMANY      | HERITAGE  | IMMIGRATION |
| KOLB         | KULP      | KULPSVILLE  |
| PENNSYLVANIA | PRETZEL   | TRADITIONS  |
| WILLIAMPENN  | WOLFSHEIM |             |

Find the listed words in the letters offered above. They may run in different directions - forward, backward, down, up or on a diagonal.  
 Then look for the Hidden Invitation - Have fun!

Our thanks again 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 John & Vicki Kulp of Morgantown, PA. Answers available at the Reunion or by return, self-addressed stamped envelope.



## Hometown Deutschland!

Come Fly With Us!!!



# Family ties

## KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**NED KULP**  
*Marketing*  
Chalfont, PA

**STUART KERN**  
*Furniture Mfg.*  
Oley, PA

**HAROLD J. KULP, ESQ.**  
*Attorney*  
Malvern, PA

**ISAAC KULP**  
*Historian*  
Harleysville, PA

**JOHN OBERHOLTZER**  
*Chemical Engineer*  
Jamison, PA

**BRIAN MOYER**  
*Poultry Field*  
Fleetwood, PA

**RUTH OBERHOLTZER**  
*Association Sec.*  
North Wales, PA

**TIMOTHY KULP, ESQ.**  
*Attorney*  
Wyncote, PA

**GLENN LANDIS**  
*Historian*  
Lititz, PA

**MARGARET FREED**  
*Teacher*  
Gwynedd, PA

**HAROLD KULP**  
*Dairyman*  
Pottstown, PA

**RODNEY KULP**  
*Investment CFO*  
Scotch Plains, NJ

**GRACE MUSCARELLA**  
*University Professor*  
Philadelphia, PA

**JOEL ALDERFER**  
*Museum Exec.*  
Harleysville, PA

**HOLLY MOYER**  
*Administrator*  
Fleetwood, PA

WE WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE USA. Communication is no problem.

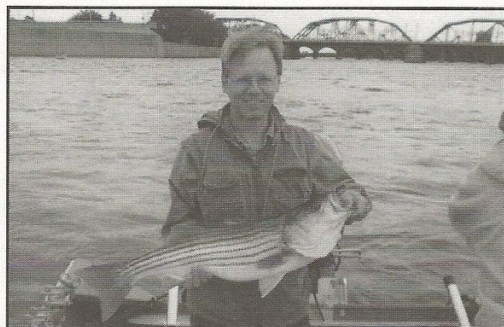
Comments from several members. . . .

**John Oberholtzer** advises us that our current mailing goes to 38 states and 4 Canadian provinces and includes 668 listings and 20 historical societies and newspapers.

**Rod Kulp, our Treasurer reports** our Family Association is in about the same financial condition as last year this time. The Operating Account pays for essential materials, postage, Reunion needs and supplies. The Reserve Account is our "rainy day" fund and underwrites special needs such as "T" shirt production, etc.

The annual contributions have been our primary source for funding. As we expand our activities additional contributions are needed. Please consider an additional gift. One answer to this came recently when we received a memorial bequest of \$100.00. *We are very appreciative of your support.*

**Hal Kulp and Timothy Kulp, our legal advisors,** have completed our filing for an official legal status. We are now officially called **KOLB, KULP, CULP FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.** After 73 years we have made it into the big time. Now we can do the necessary functions as needed such as insurance requirements, liability protection, etc.



After making that 21" catch Eric Kulp of Kintnersville, PA gave this Striper back to the Delaware River to grow even bigger.



Mark & Dorene Kulp of Millburn, NJ and Marshall Kulp of Indianapolis, IN scaled to the summit of Mt. Elbert, highest mountain in Colorado.



# COLLECTING ANCESTORS

by GLEN H. LANDIS

I sometimes am questioned about why I spend so much of my spare time studying genealogy. Genealogy or family history has become a very popular hobby and many amateur genealogists spend countless hours in libraries and archives just to find one more ancestor. For some, this is a matter of numbers, like the bird watcher who travels to add a rare bird to his life list of sightings. Others feel a real family connection to these ancestors they have never met. We do carry our heritage from these ancestors in our minds and hearts as well as in the cells of our bodies. We have "family ways" of doing things and conducting our lives as well as physical attributes that can be seen just slightly diluted in old photos of parents and grandparents. The fact that we have so many ancestors just makes the family picture more interesting.

Imagine a family portrait of you and nine generations of your ancestors. You stand in the front, your parents in the second row, your grandparents in the third row, and your eight great grandparents in the

fourth row, and so on back through the years and generations.

In my "family portrait", Dielman Kolb of Wolfsheim and his wife, Agnes Schumacher Kolb appear fourteen times, and quite a few other make more than one appearance. This is true because my ancestors did not venture very far when they chose spouses in Bucks and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania. There are about a thousand people in this family portrait and I believe that I carry some influence and heritage from each person in the picture. The fact that so many of them are Kolbs and Kulp has led me to spend more time studying this family than others, but each one has a place and deserves to be remembered. My family portrait has about six hundred clear faces, some slightly fuzzy faces, and some so blurred that there is no clue as to their identity. That is the source of the inspiration. I know they lived and were part of my heritage - and the source of some frustration because I will probably never identify them all.

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Our president, Ned Kulp, has been assured by the owner of the residence in Wolfsheim, Germany, that has the gateway timber with the inscription "Tilman Kolb 1699", will not be destroyed when the property is razed. The timber will be available to our association if we want to obtain it at that time.

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## CEREMONY HONORS HISTORIC KULP FARMSTEAD

Participants celebrate site's inclusion on national register

credits to KIM HROMEK, The Reporter, 10 October 2000, Lansdale, PA

UPPER GWYNEDD – Many people gathered at the Isaac Kulp Farmstead on Sunday to celebrate the tract's national recognition for its historic significance.

The Kulp Farmstead, owned by Delaware Valley College on its Roth Living Farm Museum property at Route 202 and Hancock Road, was officially named to the National Register of Historic Places on March 12, 1999.

Ruth Oberholtzer of North Wales, a relative of the late Isaac Kulp, attended the ceremony, which included a plaque being mounted on the building and music by the Gwyn-Nor Elementary School String Ensemble.

"I think it's wonderful that the farmstead is being preserved," Oberholtzer said. "It is the best thing that could happen."

In October 1998, Phil Ruth of Lower Salford and Nadine Miller Peterson of Souderton prepared the documents that started the process.

"This property is like a time machine providing the opportunity to discover agriculture and farm production from a different time" said Ruth of North Wales.

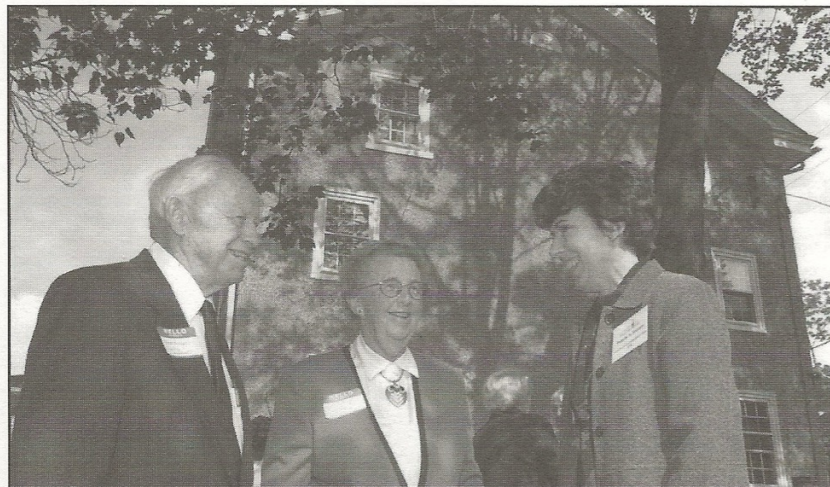
A historical argument had to be provided to the state Historical & Museum Commission for nomination.

"The argument for the property was the reflective of broader patterns of American history through agriculture and physical properties," Ruth said.

*"Four months was spent pulling the material together."*

The 65-acre property, purchased by Isaac Kulp in 1847, was in his family for 90 years. It went through a number of hands before Edythe and Abraham Roth bought the farmstead in 1964. Edythe Roth donated the land to Delaware Valley College in 1991.

"The entire property is now used for the purpose of agriculture, education and research," said Thomas Learner president of Del Val College.



Descendants of Issac Kulp participate in a ceremony marking the inclusion of the Upper Gwynedd site of the National Register of Historic Places. From left are Howard Knapp of Montgomery Township, middle Ruth Oberholtzer of North Wales and right Pamela Santone of Charton Heights, W.V.  
Christopher A. Stanley/The Reporter