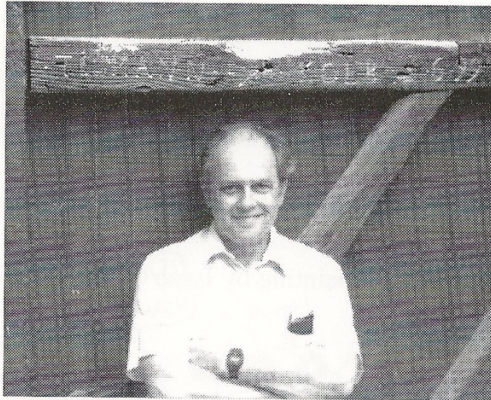




*Commemorating the 295th Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America*

**SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION**  
***Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2002**  
**LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Evansburg and Meeting House Roads**  
**Skippack, PA 19474**



**Our Speaker: DR. JOHN L. RUTH**

*Topic: A Family History*

Dr. 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 and most recently, a history of the Lancaster County Mennonites.

# PROGRAM

## Lower Skippack Mennonite Church

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

12:00 Family Time

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. . . . . Lunch ("Groaning Board")

1:30 p.m. Entertainment. . . . . Keith Brintzenhoff

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 & Election of Officers . . . . . Stuart Kern

Awarding of Prizes . . . . . Harold Kulp

Offering

Remembrance of our Religious Heritage

    Devotions in Pennsylvania German . . . . . Isaac Clarence Kulp

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

2:30 p.m. Speaker . . . . . John L. 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

Special Art Exhibit of folkart painting by Isaac Clarence Kulp and fraktur art by Roma Ruth.



Glenn Landis will be available for consultation for Family Genealogy, John Oberholtzer for ordering books, "T"-shirts and tiles and Rodney Kulp 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-fifth 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.

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

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.

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

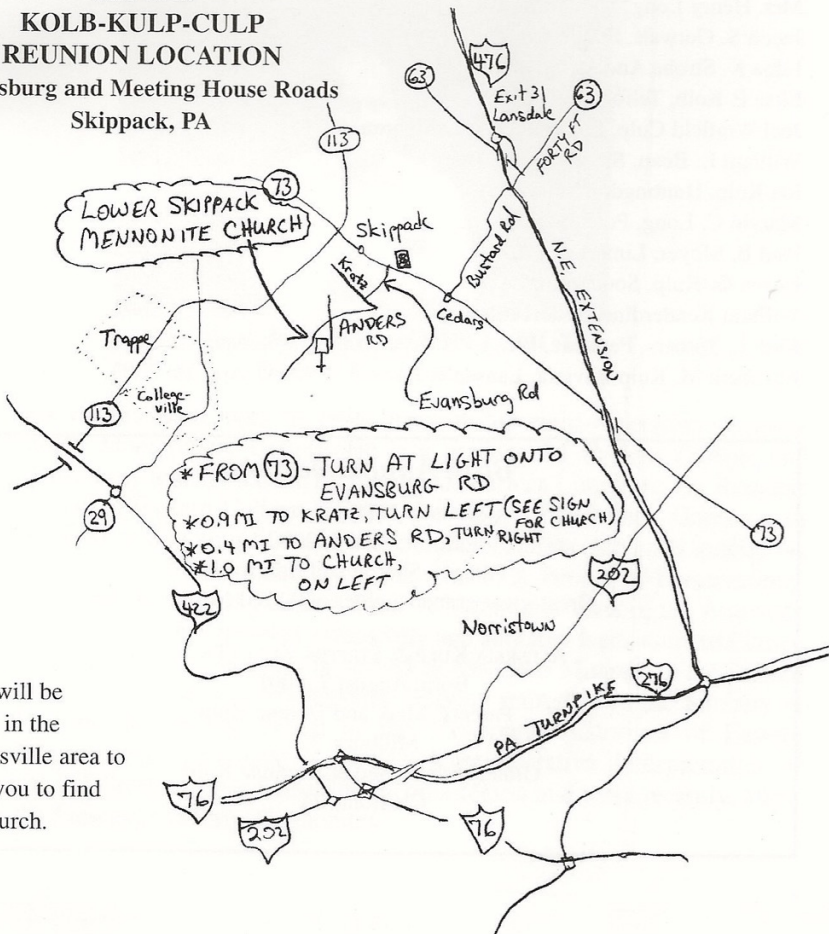
Please enjoy the special art exhibit of folkart painting by Clarence Kulp and fraktur art by Roma Ruth — a very unique collection.

We extend to you our best wishes. Please come visit with us on Sunday, June 16, 2002 for a great day!

Cordially,

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

**The 75th  
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 2002*

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Nari Lester Hunsicker, Telford, PA	Mar. 19, 1992	87
Katie R. Hunsicker, Hilltown Twp., PA	Aug. 3, 1998	99
Paul R. Hunsicker, Hatfield Twp., PA	Jan. 4, 2000	93
Clara R. Miller Pritchard, Perkasio, PA	June 20, 2000	81
Anna May (Culp) Lightkep Stalnaker, Plymouth Meeting, PA	Apr. 3, 2001	81
Edna W. Kulp, Souderton, PA	Apr. 23, 2001	83
Louisa K. Undercuffler, Royersford, PA	Apr. 23, 2001	96
Margaret W. Croll, Lansdale, PA	July 31, 2001	78
Anna Rebecca Culp Boer, Livermore, CA	Aug. 1, 2001	101
Laverne A. Kulp, Lansdale, PA	Aug. 14, 2001	84
Eva M. Hetrick, East Greenville, PA	Sept. 5, 2001	99
Alfred Norman Short, Boothwyn, PA	Oct. 19, 2001	92
Mildred K. Garges, Souderton, PA	Oct. 20, 2001	67
Paul E. Lederach, Jr., Lederach, PA	Nov. 5, 2001	71
Doris H. Duddy, Cedars, Upper Gwynedd, PA	Nov. 8, 2001	73
Jacqueline Florence Kulp, New Holland, PA	Dec. 16, 2001	50
Henry Long, Souderton, PA	2001	
Mrs. Henry Long, Souderton, PA	2001	
Jacob S. Gotwals, Souderton, PA	2001	
Edna K. Strohe Anders, Souderton, PA	Jan. 11, 2002	93
Elise P. Kolb, Telford, PA	Jan. 12, 2002	98
Joel Winfield Culp, Lansdale, PA, Lehighon, PA	Jan. 25, 2002	80
William L. Bean, Sr., Tamaqua, PA	Jan. 29, 2002	95
Ida Kulp, Huntingdon Valley, PA	Feb. 4, 2002	85
Marvin C. Long, Pottstown, PA	Feb. 6, 2002	70
Paul E. Moyer, Limerick, PA	Feb. 16, 2002	87
Buena G. Kulp, Souderton, PA	Feb. 20, 2002	81
William Kenderdine, Sellersville, PA	Feb. 27, 2002	88
Ruth L. Yothers, Perkasio, PA	Mar. 17, 2002	82
Elizabeth M. Kulp Baviera, Lansdale, PA	Apr. 10, 2002	77

### ***Birth Announcements***

ALISON NICOLE LITTLE

Born: April 5, 2000

Parents: Sharon and Ernest Little

Great-great granddaughter of Alfred Norman Short

ALESKSIA KULP & STEFFEN KULP (Twins)

Born: August 7, 2001

Parents: Mark and Dorene Kulp

Millburn, NJ

Grandparents: Ned & Suzanne Kulp

Chalfont, PA



# Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family

NEWSLETTER

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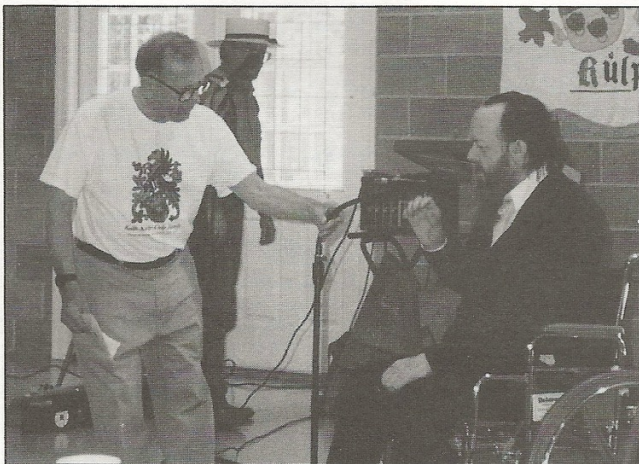
April 2002

## Our 75th Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 16, 2002

**THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL REUNION.** We are planning it with you in mind! But that isn't all. . . We are commemorating the 295th anniversary of the family's arrival in America. So, please put this one on your calendar and join us at the **LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH** for a gathering of *fun, history, great food, art & genealogy*. Even the kids will have a great place to play. Your committee has planned a unique program - a double header no less! By special request we have invited **KEITH BRINTZENHOFF** of Kutztown, PA to entertain you with "*PENNSYLVANISH DEITCH*" songs, jokes, stories and music on period instruments. Our speaker will be the renown historian and author, **DR. JOHN RUTH**. He will take us on a family journey from Switzerland to Germany and America. And please don't forget to bring along your favorite foods to share in our fabulous meal, the "*GROANING BOARD*". But that's not all. This Reunion will offer a new cultural opportunity. We are especially pleased to present some of the art works of folk artist **CLARENCE KULP** and fraktur artist Roma Ruth will exhibit some of her special posters. It's a great time of year; Father's Day and a terrific time to see the rolling hills and farmland of eastern Pennsylvania. And historic Philadelphia is not far away.

Last year on September 11, America was put to the test with terrible acts of terrorism. Words cannot fully

describe the pain and suffering and also the incredible acts of heroism. Beneath the expressions of patriotism in deeds, words and displays the true meanings of our democracy binds us all together. One can't help but reflect upon the tragic history that forced our ancestors to leave their homeland 295 years ago to start anew on the land that **WILLIAM PENN** made available. The affect of the Thirty Years War, economic insecurity and religious prejudice were some of the pressures that encouraged our foreparents to make the long journey to America. Please join us in June to celebrate the 75th Reunion and **RENEW THE SPIRIT THAT BROUGHT OUR ANCESTORS TO AMERICA.**



Pictured above is Clarence Kulp offering the opening devotions in Pennsylvania German at the Reunion 2001.



Pennsylvania State Senator Joe Conti of the 10th District welcomes Ned Kulp while chatting at the Senatorial meeting room in the state capitol in Harrisburg. Later he presented a formal recognition from Governor Mark Schweiker of the 295th anniversary arrival in America of the family as well as the 75th reunion.

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

## 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, we can communicate. 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 FAMILY FUNWORD SEARCH

Find the listed words in the letters offered. They may run in different directions - forward, backward, down, up or on a diagonal. *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.*

AMERICA

AMISH

BENFRANKLIN

DUTCH

FAMILY

GERMANTOWN

GERMANY

HERITAGE

IMMIGRANT

ISAACKULP

KOLB

KULPSVILLE

LUTHERANS

MARTINLUTHER

MECKESHEIM

MENNONITE

MORAVIANS

R G G H H K H D Y M E T K O L B H H D K  
 E E U E P G U E E A H G F J K S H D I U  
 G T L R R T H C E G I S A A C K U L P L  
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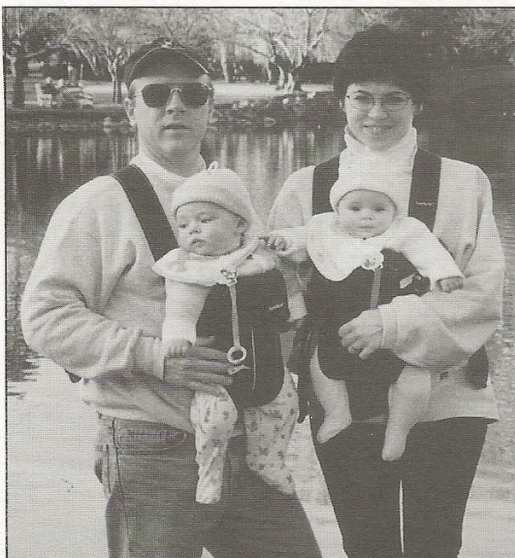
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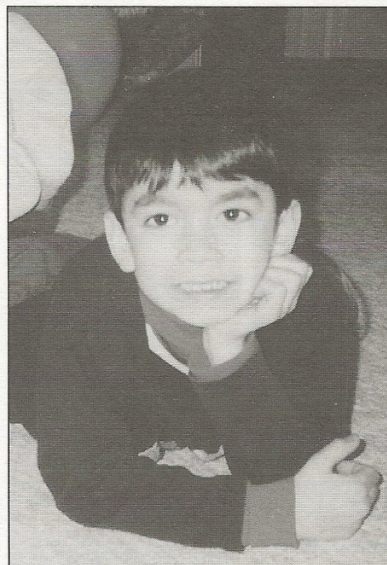
Family Coat of Arms  
November 20th 1578

Can you help us identify any family members  
and/or guests from a Reunion of many years ago?  
Please identify by persons from left to right and rows from front to rear.

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Proud parents of twins above are Mark and Dorene Kulp. Twins Steffen and Aleksia were born on 7 August 2001.



Taylor McDowall Kulp is pictured above, as our Canadian representative in Ontario, Canada. Taylor lives in Queenstown and is 6 years old.



Jackie (left) and Amy (right) Oberholtzer are shown with Stephanie Lingle. Jackie and Amy are adopted girls from China.

# COUSINS

by **GLEN H. LANDIS** *Family Association Historian and Genealogist*

The 75th reunion of the Kolb/Kulp/Culp Family Association will be held at the **LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH**. This is the church most closely associated with the Mennonite Kolb brothers, sons of **DIELMAN KOLB** of Wolfsheim. Most of our members are descendants of either these brothers or the Reformed Kolbs who came from Meckesheim and settled near the New Goshenhoppen Church at E. Greenville. We have many members who descend from other Kolb immigrants such as the Lutheran **MATTHIAS KOLB** who arrived in 1744 or **HANS CASPER KOLB** who came with the Brethren leader **ALEXANDER MACK** in 1729. These Kolbs were all here before 1750, but many Kolbs came to America in the last 250 years and we probably have some descendants of later Kolbs on our mailing list.

The late **ABRAM HUNSICKER** was the official genealogist for the Kolb/Kulp/Culp Family Association for many years and left us a very extensive file of known relationships and descendants. I am in the process of building a computer database from those files and the work of the late **BILL MOYER** who was president of the association and had constructed an earlier version from these files. I am hoping that many members will submit updated information of their Kolb/Kulp/Culp ancestors to add to our files. This computer database will be available for reference at the **MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER** in Harleysville, PA along with other Kolb/Kulp/Culp files.

## SPECIAL CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY

It is with great pleasure that your **75TH REUNION** will host a collection of unusual folkart painting and fraktur art. We are appreciative for the lending of these premier historic paintings from the collection of the **MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER**, private collection and the artists.

Fraktur, as related to an art form, means "*Fractured Writing*". The artists in continental Europe and America, greatly enhanced the art forms development. Highly prized documents including marriage and birth announcements, wood work, even bookplates were decorated in fraktur designs. The two artists represented at the 75th Reunion are **ROMA J. RUTH** and **ISAAC CLARENCE KULP**. Roma Ruth's authentic Pennsylvania German fraktur designs are unique examples of this art form. Clarence Kulp's pictures are truly representations of the history and philosophy of the early settlers in folkart presentations.

### DUNKER BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT THE BRANCHVILLE BRIDGE

**Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.**  
*September 21, 1996, No. 209*

The Indian Creek Dunker Congregation, though usually baptizing at various sites in the Indian Creek, occasionally over the years held baptizings in the East Branch of the Perkiomen, near Branchville, now Bergey, Penna. Because of lower water levels in the Indian Creek, this was the regular baptismal site in the late 1940's and early 1950's. The artist was baptized here, near this bridge, in the mid-1940's, in the month of January.



*Courtesy of Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA*