



*Commemorating the 298th Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America*

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION**

***Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Assoc., Inc.***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005**

**LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Evansburg and Meeting House Roads**

**Skippack, PA 19474**



**Our Speaker: MR. MIKE HART**

Mr. Hart is the founder of the Foundation for Historic Building Rescue, Inc. of Harleysville, PA, specializing in saving endangered 18th and 19th century architecture for more than 15 years.

In January 2004, they acquired the old Kulp General Store (circa 1925) on Sumneytown Pike in Vernfield, PA. This was the home of Isaac Clarence Kulp, former President, artist and historical resource for the Kulp association. Isaac Clarence's parents operated the general store.

Mike has been doing extensive work to recreate a 1920's General Store/Gas Station including an old style gas pump.

# PROGRAM

## Lower Skippack Mennonite Church

12:30 Family Time  
 1:00 p.m. . . . . Lunch ("Groaning Board")  
 2:00 p.m. Program Introduction . . . . . Ned K. Kulp  
 Report of History & Genealogy Committee . . . . . Glenn H. Landis  
 Report of Treasurer . . . . . Mark Moyer  
 Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers . . . . . Stuart Kern  
 Awarding of Prizes . . . . . Harold R. 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. Rescuing 18th and 19th Century Architecture . . . . . Mike Hart  
 3:30 p.m. America (one stanza) . . . . . Ned Kulp  
 Benediction . . . . . Isaac Clarence Kulp  
 3:30 p.m. Adjournment



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Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

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

The "groaning board" lunch will be held at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 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 and a pie for the pie contest.

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

We extend to you our best wishes. Please come visit with us on Sunday, June 12, 2005, the second Sunday in June, for a great day!

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



### MICHAEL HART

Hart's love of antiques developed when he was a child growing up in Cedars, Pa. He went treasure hunting in old dumps for bottles, and kerosene lanterns, instead of playing sports. According to Hart, "the best way to learn about history is to be able to see and touch the past." His interest in architecture was created when he purchased and began restoration of his first home — an 1840 stone farmhouse in Telford, Pa. As he frantically searched for parts, he found that many of the homes of this era were being casually destroyed as a by-product of urban sprawl. A situation he considered a tragedy.

"You can't throw this stuff out," Hart says, "when it's gone, it's gone, there's no retrieving it." He began dismantling old houses and barns to replace lost parts of his first home. But, it didn't stop there. Over a hundred buildings later, it has become a religion to him, a religion whose relics are vanishing rapidly as developers blanket the landscape with new homes.



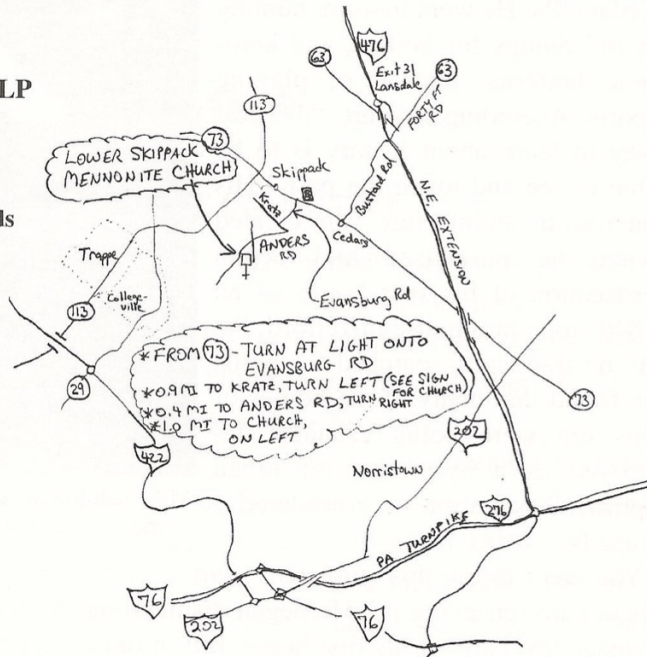
**Mike helping to carve a hand pump at the Goschenhoppen Folk Festival**

## In Memoriam 2005\*

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Harold B. Weber, Skippack, PA	Dec. 6, 2000	
Jean Weber, Skippack, PA	Jan. 13, 2003	
Lillian May Kulp, Telford, Coopersburg, PA widow of Robert A. Kulp	June 14, 2003	100
George E. Weaver, Collegetown, PA	Sept. 26, 2003	
Lillie Hinkle Kulp, Lansdale, PA, Florida	Dec. 20, 2003	90
Joseph Sands, Royersford, PA	Jan. 7, 2004	80
Edward L. Scholl, Salford, PA	Jan. 21, 2004	65
Charles Andrew Kulp	June 30, 2004	48
M. Lorraine Kulp, Trappe, PA	Oct. 29, 2004	71
Florence M. Kolb, Phila., PA & N.Y. City	Nov. 2, 2004	
Arthur W. Hartzell, Pennsburg, PA	Nov. 12, 20004	88
Elmer G. Kolb, Souderton, PA	Aug. 10, 2004	99
William C. Pickering, Mertztown, PA	Aug. 24, 2004	20
May I. Nester, Pennsburg, PA	Nov. 23, 2004	75
Raymond K. Kulp, Perkiomenville, PA	Dec. 6, 2004	79
Andrew Leidy, Souderton, PA	Jan. 3, 2005	43
Deborah Ann Laubengeyer, Hilltown Twp., PA	Jan. 4, 2005	54
Eva Clemens, Souderton, PA	Jan. 10, 2005	91
Norma M. Short Longhauser, Middletown, DE	Jan. 13, 2005	67
Earl K. Kulp, Telford, PA	Feb. 1, 2005	86
Raymond P. Kulp, Trinity, FL	Feb. 20, 2005	77
Norman G. Kolb, Ephrata & Spring City, PA	Feb. 25, 2005	88
Margaret S. Fretz, Sellersville, PA	Feb. 28, 2005	100
Bernice Cooper, Lansdale, PA	Mar. 4, 2005	90
Stanley M. Kulp, Towamencin Twp. & Souderton, PA	Mar. 16, 2005	86
Marie J. Kulp Cassel, Red Hill, PA	Apr. 26, 2005	82

\*This is not a complete listing.

### The 78th 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.

We appreciate receiving the names sent to us for the "Memorial List". Since we do not have access to all the newspapers that our mailing list area covers, we would like you to help keep the memorial list current. Please send the information to our secretary, Ruth K. Oberholtzer, 209 S. 5th St., North Wales, PA 19454.





# Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family

NEWSLETTER

## 78<sup>th</sup> KULP FAMILY REUNION

**Sunday, June 12, 2005, 12:30 P.M.**

Lower Skippack Mennonite Church Evansburg & Meetinghouse Roads, Skippack

### **Feast and Home-baked Pie Contest**

On this, our 78<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion, we are celebrating the 298<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Kolbs (Kulps, Culps) in America. Help us celebrate with a 'groaning board' and equal measure of good fellowship. Bring enough food for your family and extras to share with the common table. Bring a home baked pie if you wish to compete in the pie contest. Children are welcome. There is plenty of room to play on the Church grounds.

### **Reunion Theme: Saving Our Historic Buildings**

Mike Hart of the Foundation for Historic Building Rescue, Inc., Harleysville, PA will speak about "Saving our Historic Buildings". He specializes in local architecture and will discuss his work in rescuing historical buildings in Eastern Pennsylvania & New Jersey region.. Recently he saved an 1804 Kulp house in Rahns near the Skippack Creek (Route 113 Corridor}, and is now reconstructing Isaac Clarence Kulp's family home on the Sumneytown Pike.

### **Pilgrimage to the Graves of the Early Kolb Settlers**

After the program you are invited to visit the graveyard across the road where the Kolb Family members were buried. Two graves, probably of Martin Kolb and his wife Magdalena, have their original small red stone markers with the initials MK and the dates, 1776 and 1765. Turn to the other side of this page to read Glenn Landis's discussion of these brave, strong and devout Kolb ancestors. Glenn Landis, our scholar, historian & genealogist, will be available at the reunion with a computer to answer questions about your Kulp family line.

### **Visit to the 1736 House of German Settler, Henry Antes**

After our program, we are all invited to visit a farmhouse built in 1736 by a nearby German settler, Henry Antes. Abe and Nancy Roan, (last year's speaker), have invited us for a free tour of the restored Antes house along with a display of old engines and other farm machinery. Take route 73 west for about ten miles to Colonial Road and turn left (south). The house is located on Colonial Road about one and a half miles south of 73, on the left side of the road.

### **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the Kolbs in America**

Help us plan the celebration of our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 with a significant reunion gathering. We encourage your personal input. Your comments & suggestions, memorabilia, historical notes, photographs, and genealogical information can make our 300<sup>th</sup> more



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## **Commemorative reprinting of the Kulp Family History**

Our financial condition depends upon your annual contributions. Though we remain solvent, our funds are insufficient to underwrite the cost of reprinting an important historical resource, Daniel Cassel's *Kulp Family History*, now out of print. We would like to reprint this basic source book to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007 of the arrival of Kulp in America. Please consider an additional gift to support the reprinting. The reply form is on the opposite side of this page. For more information, email [gracefreed@aol.com](mailto:gracefreed@aol.com).



## The First Kolb Brothers to America

In early 1707, three Kolb brothers of Wolfsheim, Hess, Germany, set out on an adventure that most of us can barely imagine. They were the sons of Mennonite parents, Dielman Kolb and Agnes Schumacher, and they were seeking a home where they would be free to worship and to make a living as they best saw fit. They had been preceded by their grandfather, Peter Schumacher in 1685, but he died in 1707, the year of their arrival. Peter Schumacher had been a Mennonite, but he had converted to the Quaker faith.

Martin (1680 – 1761) was the oldest of the three and probably brought a wife. Johannes, the next in line, born in 1683, was single and would seem to have been the most adventurous of the brothers. Jacob (1685-1739) would marry three years later in the new country.

Two older brothers stayed behind in Germany. Heinrich would follow two years later with his wife and three children, and Peter, a bishop in the Mennonite Church, died in Mannheim, Germany in 1727. A fifth and younger brother Dielman Jr. would follow in 1717.

Johannes, Jacob and Martin arrived in Germantown in 1707 but did not join the other Mennonites at the Germantown Church until 1708. A 1708 listing of members shows Johannes and Jacob as single men and Martin as married. By 1710 the three brothers would own adjoining farms in Skippack and be part of the new Skippack Mennonite Church there.

Johannes was the only one of the five brothers who did not stay in Montgomery County. He sold most of his land in Skippack in 1712 and moved to Coventry Township, Chester County. He paid taxes there until 1735 and then moved to South Carolina by 1737 and sold the last of his land in Skippack by 1739. He joined the Welsh Neck Baptists on the Pee Dee River in South Carolina. There are many Kolbs in the South who are descendants of Johannes.

Jacob was married on May 2, 1710, to Sarah Van Sintern in the Germantown Mennonite Church by Dirck Keyser. Sarah was the daughter of Isaac and Neeltje (Classen) Van Sintern, who had been married in Amsterdam. Isaac Van Sintern was a deacon of the church and had brought his four daughters to Germantown from Hamburg, Germany, in 1700. Jacob and Sarah Kolb moved to Skippack in 1710 and Jacob was chosen as a deacon of the new church at Skippack. Nine children are known, among them "Strong Isaac Kolb," a bishop of the Mennonite Church and ancestor of many of the local Kolbs. Jacob was killed in an accident with a cider press beam, on October 4, 1739 and is buried at the Skippack Mennonite Church.

Martin was ordained a minister of the Germantown Mennonite Church in 1708, but was soon to become part of the new Skippack branch of the church. He married his second wife, Magdalena Van Sintern, on May 19, 1709, in the home of her father, Isaac Van Sintern. She was a sister of Jacob's wife, Sarah, and would eventually become the family historian for the Van Sintern descendants. Martin and Magdalena had seven children, and many of their descendants are buried at the Skippack Church.

The Kolb brothers, including older brother Peter, who was a Mennonite Bishop at Mannheim in Germany, were very influential in the early Mennonite Church, and their descendants can be found in all the Mennonite Churches of the Franconia Conference in Pennsylvania, though many have moved on to other areas and denominations.

Glenn. H. Landis, Lititz, PA

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### KOLB-KULP-CULP FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC., SURVEY & ORDER FORM

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

I intend to order a copy of Daniel K. Cassel, *Kulp Family History* when it has been reprinted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I will pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help pay for the reprinting of Cassel's, *Kulp Family History*.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to serve on the Planning Committee.

Please send me:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Kulp Family Book* of Programs of the Reunions held since 1924. Price: \$25.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping.

\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt with Family Crest. Size: S M L XL (circle size desired); Price: \$12.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping.