

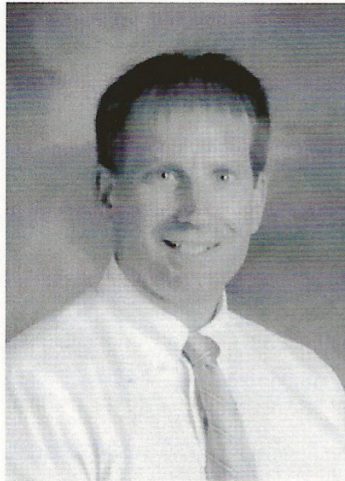
Commemorating the 316<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kolb Family's Arrival in America

***KOLB-KULP-CULP Family Association, Inc.***

***94th Family Reunion: SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023***

**Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, 12:30 P.M.**

**892 Evansburg Road, Skippack, PA**



**Our Speaker: Doug Moyer, German teacher and PA German Historian**

***What is Your Kulp Family Legacy?***

In 1535, Mennonites and other Anabaptist Protestants were cruelly executed by Catholics under imperial law (not church law) and their corpses were hung in iron cages on the St Lamberti Catholic Parish church tower in Munster, Germany, to deter others from joining Anabaptist Protestant Reformation. These iron cages still hang at St Lamberti Catholic Parish Church in Munster, Germany today and serve as an important reminder of why our Kulp Family Anabaptist/Mennonite Ancestors gladly accepted William Penn's offer of religious freedom and farmland in Pennsylvania to escape their religious persecution in Germany and Switzerland.

On October 6th, 1683 the first German settlers to America arrived in Philadelphia on the boat the Concord. They were twelve Mennonite families from Krefeld, Germany. Today, we celebrate German-American Day on October 6th as a national holiday in honor of these first German immigrants arriving in America. Since they touched down and created

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**2023 Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Reunion**  
**Lower Skippack Mennonite Church**  
**PROGRAM**

12:30 PM Meet & Greet

Doxology . . . . . Carol Wenger

1:00 p.m. . . . . Lunch (“Groaning Board”)

2:00 p.m. Program Introduction . . . . . Jack Oberholtzer

Remembrance of our Religious Heritage

Tribute to Deceased Members (*with moment of silence*)

Report of Secretary . . . . . Jack Oberholtzer

Report of Treasurer . . . . . Mark Moyer

Offering . . . . . Mark Moyer

Song (during offering). . *For the Beauty of the Earth* . . Carol Wenger

Recognition of Youngest, Oldest & Longest Distance Traveled . . . . .

Report of Nominating Committee . . . . .

Program: “*What is Your Kulp Legacy?*” . . . . . Doug Moyer

Benediction . . . *God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again* . . . Carol Wenger

3:30 p.m. Adjournment



Home Page for the WEBSITE is <http://kolb-kulp-culp.org>  
WEBSITE created by and now dedicated to GLENN H. LANDIS

**Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:**

You are invited again to join us on **Sunday, June 11, 2023 starting at 12:30 PM at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church** for another opportunity to meet with other Kolb descendants, remember our shared heritage and share in the experiences of the lives of our current "family" members.

A **catered lunch** will be provided starting at 1 PM and we encourage everyone to **bring a favorite family side dish or dessert** to maintain our tradition of the "groaning board" of shared food. The opportunity to enjoy some excellent recipes, which exist within our family, is always a highlight of our reunion. Please contact **Jack Oberholtzer** at 215-534-0194 or [jeoberho@comcast.net](mailto:jeoberho@comcast.net) by **June 5th** and let us know how many will be coming. An accurate count for the caterer is important.

**Donna Gerber** will have a table to help people with questions they may have about researching their family genealogy.

The mailing list review last year resulted in the discovery of a large number of unreported member deaths and unknown addresses which will help reduce costs for this year's mailing. About 100 have opted to receive our annual bulletins by email, while 70 requested to get paper copies. **There are still 160 on the list we have not heard from. Please contact Jack if you still wish to received notices each year, even though you might not be able to attend, as we might be forced to drop unanswered mailings from our list after this year.**

Jack has spent the last several months working on a new and improved version the website <https://kolb-kulp-culp.org>. IT LOOKS FANTASTIC! By the time you get this Bulletin it should be online. It is based on what **Glenn Landis** had originally put on there, the huge amount of information found in the **Kulp Family Record Book** (the Brown Binder), other documents and resources. It is far from complete and if you have any documents, photos, stories, genealogies, etc., you might think will add to it, please contact Jack. **Many thanks to Lenore Suhanec of Pink Sky Studios <https://PinkSkyStudios.com> in designing and getting the website up and going!!! She went above and beyond what was expected and we highly recommend her!**

**Our Family Association** counts on **support** from its members to cover the annual expenses of about \$1500 associated with putting on the reunion and having a catered lunch. We currently have about \$3000 in the bank, **so every little donation counts**. You may include a check made out to **Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association** and include it with your reunion attendance response you mail in or drop it in the offering basket at the reunion.

**Mark Moyer**, our treasurer and shop keeper, has plenty of **coffee mugs with the Kulp Crest!** He still has few **Kolb Crest tiles** and a new order of **T-shirts**. Please fill out the attached form or contact him at [vampyre46@verizon.net](mailto:vampyre46@verizon.net) or 215-368-3785 if you are interested. Unfortunately, due to the rise in postal rates, we have to add \$8 to the by-mail purchases.

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### **Executive Committee Letter (Continued from Page 3)**

Jack recently became a member of the **Palatines To America - German Genealogical Society** (<https://www.palam.org>), based in Ohio, which researches German speaking ancestors in America. They have an extensive website with many resources to explore. The Pennsylvania Chapter has Third Tuesday Zoom Programs for members. We highly recommend you checking them out for your genealogical and historical information!

**The Kolb DNA Project** has been merged with another Culp project under the administration of James Green, David Culp and Jack Oberholtzer. Please let him know if you are interested.

**We are in need of volunteers to help with the Reunion!** The executive committee meets a couple of times a year to determine programs and direction of the association, and we need **new people** with their **suggestions and ideas**. Glenn Landis ran the **Kolb DNA project** which has 60+ members and we need someone to oversee that. We can always use more help with searching genealogy questions. If you are interested in contributing some of your time to these projects or have future program suggestions, please contact Jack Oberholtzer.

**Your presence and that of the next generation** at our reunions shows the joys and success of the past and hope for the future!!

### **Kolb-Kulp-Culp Reunion Executive Committee**

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### **What Is Your Kulp Legacy? (Continued from front page)**

Germantown in Pennsylvania, German immigrants and their descendants have had a massive impact on American culture and history. This is part of our **Kulp Family Legacy**.

Every man every hour of his life, whether consciously or unconsciously, is making history, and that history either is to his credit or it is not. This year's Kulp Family Reunion Topic: **"What is your Kulp Family Legacy?"** will reflect on our Kulp Family Ancestors and the valuable life lessons they instilled in us.

Join us as we explore our amazing **Kulp Family Legacy** with jaw dropping documentary videos and photos detailing the incredible true-life Anabaptist journey of our Kulp family ancestors to America and the personal sacrifices they made on our behalf to give each of us a chance at a better life.

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**OUR SPEAKER: Doug "Dutch" Moyer** is a twenty-five year German teacher, "Best of Europe" Tour Travel Guide and a leading Pennsylvania German historian who has contributed significantly to promoting German-American friendship and cultural understanding.

## *In Memoriam 2023*

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Martin L. Kolb, Nazareth, PA	March 27, 2006	71*
Marguerite Heffner, Souderton, PA	December 13, 2013	98*
Joseph Robert Kulp, Vestal, NY	December 5, 2018	83*
Elizabeth Ahn, Ulysses, PA	December 21, 2017	100*
Rev. Barbara Housley, Doylestown, PA	June 22, 2018	70*
John R. Hatton, Clarks Summit, PA	May 17, 2019	74*
Margaret Kulp Hinman, Pottstown, PA	December 6, 2019	77*
Russel H. Kolb, Formerly of Sassamansville, PA	August 30, 2020	93*
Sharon L. Kulp, Pottstown, PA	September 24, 2020	76*
Joe Yrok Ellis, Maypearl, TX	April 16, 2021	89*
Florence Seitz, formerly of Norristown, Debary, FL	July 10, 2021	91*
Shirley Ann (Yoder) Lapp, Lansdale, PA	August 2, 2021	81*
Donald P. Culp, Hummelstown, PA	August 11, 2021	90*
Laura K. (Kulp) Seip, Boyertown, PA	October 15, 2021	87
Shirley A. (Kulp) Finkbeiner, Souderton, PA	October 22, 2021	82
Clarence B. Kulp, Perry Twp, PA	October 26, 2021	89
Scott D. Moll, Barto, PA	November 5, 2021	47
Robert G. Kulp, Manheim, PA	November 19, 2021	92
Francine Kulp, Lehigh Valley, PA	November 21, 2021	70
Constance E. Megary, Pottstown, PA	November 28, 2021	88*
Warren Sidney Hunsberger, Souderton, PA	November 30, 2021	84
Barry Paul Shirley, Douglassville, PA	December 9, 2021	81
Theodore I. Culp, Galeton, PA	December 12, 2021	79
William L. Fretz, Sellersville, PA	December 10, 2021	98
Shawn Kulp, Pennsburg, PA	December 10, 2021	47
Dr. Donald G. Stutters, Pueblo, CO	January 10, 2023	89*
Florence Kulp Garges, Souderton, PA	January 17, 2022	96
Kenneth M. Kulp, East Greenville, PA	January 18, 2022	56
Elizabeth G. Scharmann, Navesink, NJ	January 19, 2022	86*
Claudia Lynn (Kulp) Rodenhauser, East Stroudsburg	January, 20, 2022	64
Patricia May Abila Kulp, Loganton, PA	January 20, 2022	79
Robert B. Allem, Red Hill, PA	January 23, 2022	66
Michael J. Culp, Allentown, PA	January 25, 2022	71
Philip J. Afflerbach, Red Hill, PA	February 8, 2022	88*
Roxana C. (Schmoyer) Kulp, Red Hill, PA	February 13, 2022	67
Samuel Duane Culp, Sr., Telford, PA	February 14, 2022	78
Edgar H. Case II, Lansdale, PA	March 19, 2022	97*
Roy L. Moll, Red Hill, PA	March 7, 2022	85
Gene B. Kulp, Virginville, PA	March 14, 2022	83
Bessie Short Shockley, Frankford, DE	March 19, 2022	90*
Thomas E. Culp, Philadelphia, PA	April 3, 2022	70
Peggy L. (Kulp) Fulmer, Palm, PA	April 19, 2022	71
Jacqueline M. Hafler, Aaronsburg, PA	April 28, 2022	74

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## *In Memoriam 2023 (Continued)*

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Paul Wayne Lingle II, Ridley Park, PA	May 4, 2022	86*
Harrison E. Kulp, Sr., Freemansburg, PA	June 19, 2022	92
Ralph C. Alderfer, Souderton, PA	June 29, 2022	82*
Thomas D. Culp, Whitehall, PA	June 29, 2022	61
Joseph T. Wickward, Coopersburg, PA	July 6, 2022	58*
Walton F. Kolb, Sellersville, PA	July 17, 2022	92*
Fay Lorraine Kulp, Boyertown, PA	July 22, 2022	94
Joy Kathleen (Kulp) Trumbore, Souderton, PA	August 19, 2022	96
James Kulp Gehman, Wallops Island, VA	August 19, 2022	81
Gladys C. Kulp, Sellersville, PA	September 9, 2022	96
Mary T. (Richardson) Kulp, Audubon, PA	October 21, 2022	95*
Edwin (Ted) Kulp, Auburn, CA	October 22, 2022	86*
Cora L. Kolb, Moore Township, PA	October 16, 2022	98
Rose A. Schieber, Hew Hope, PA	October 25, 2022	66
Deborah L. Volk, Green Lane, PA	October 29, 2022	63
Michael E. Kulp, North Wales, PA	November 9, 2022	55
Signe Kulp, Lansdale, PA	November 24, 2022	95*
Marlyn L. Kulp, Uwchlan Township, PA	December 4, 2022	92
Glenn R. Kulp, Rehoboth Beach, DE	December 10, 1922	59
James Howard Kolb, Lancaster, PA	December 28, 2022	76
Elizabeth J. (Niess) Culp, Allentown, PA	January 30, 2022	91
Edith A. Detwiler, Zionsville, PA	January 10, 2023	88
Dr. Donald G. Stutters, Pueblo, CO	January 10, 2023	89*
Barry A. Johnson, Souderton, PA	January 14, 2023	81
Kelly J. Kulp, Lansdale, PA	January 28, 2023	58
Virginia L. Kulp, Lansdale, PA	January 29, 2023	101*
David Craig Weaver, Souderton, PA	February 5, 2023	70
George T. Brownback, Sr., Lansdale, PA	February 6, 2023	81
Cathleen Truesdell, Telford, PA	February 7, 2023	58
Nancy Roan, Boyertown, PA	March 23, 2023	90*

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Many thanks to **Jennie Sperling** and **Ross Gordon Gerhart III** for sending us names for our "In Memoriam". We appreciate receiving the names sent to us for the "Memoriam List". Since we do not have access to all of the newspapers that our mailing list covers, we ask your help in keeping the memorial list current. Please send the information to our secretary, Jack Oberholtzer, 2377 Magnolia Way, Jamison, PA18929 or [jeoberho@comcast.net](mailto:jeoberho@comcast.net).

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# Newsletter of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association, Inc.

**316<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at the 94<sup>rd</sup> REUNION:  
SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2023**

**Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, 12:30 P.M.**

We are looking forward to our get together at 12:30 with lunch beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bring your favorite side dishes and desserts for the **GROANING BOARD!**

**Please let us know by June 5th, 2023 if you plan to attend the luncheon!**

FOR RESERVATIONS, QUESTIONS or if YOU NEED ASSISTANCE,

Please contact: Jack Oberholtzer at 215-534-0194 or jeoberho@comcast.net

**TO MAKE A DONATION OR ORDER KULP ITEMS BY MAIL, PLEASE SEND THE  
TEAR-OFF BELOW**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

KULP ITEMS FOR SALE ORDER FORM:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a **T-Shirt with the Family Crest**

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

Sizes: S M L XL (circle desired size)

I **will /will not** be attending with a total of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

\$25 at Reunion, \$33 by mail

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

**NEW ITEM!!** Please send me a **Coffee Mug**

Mail this form with check to the

\$10 at Reunion, \$18 by mail

Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association, Inc.

Please send me a **Family Crest Tile (Blue only)**

c/o Jack Oberholtzer

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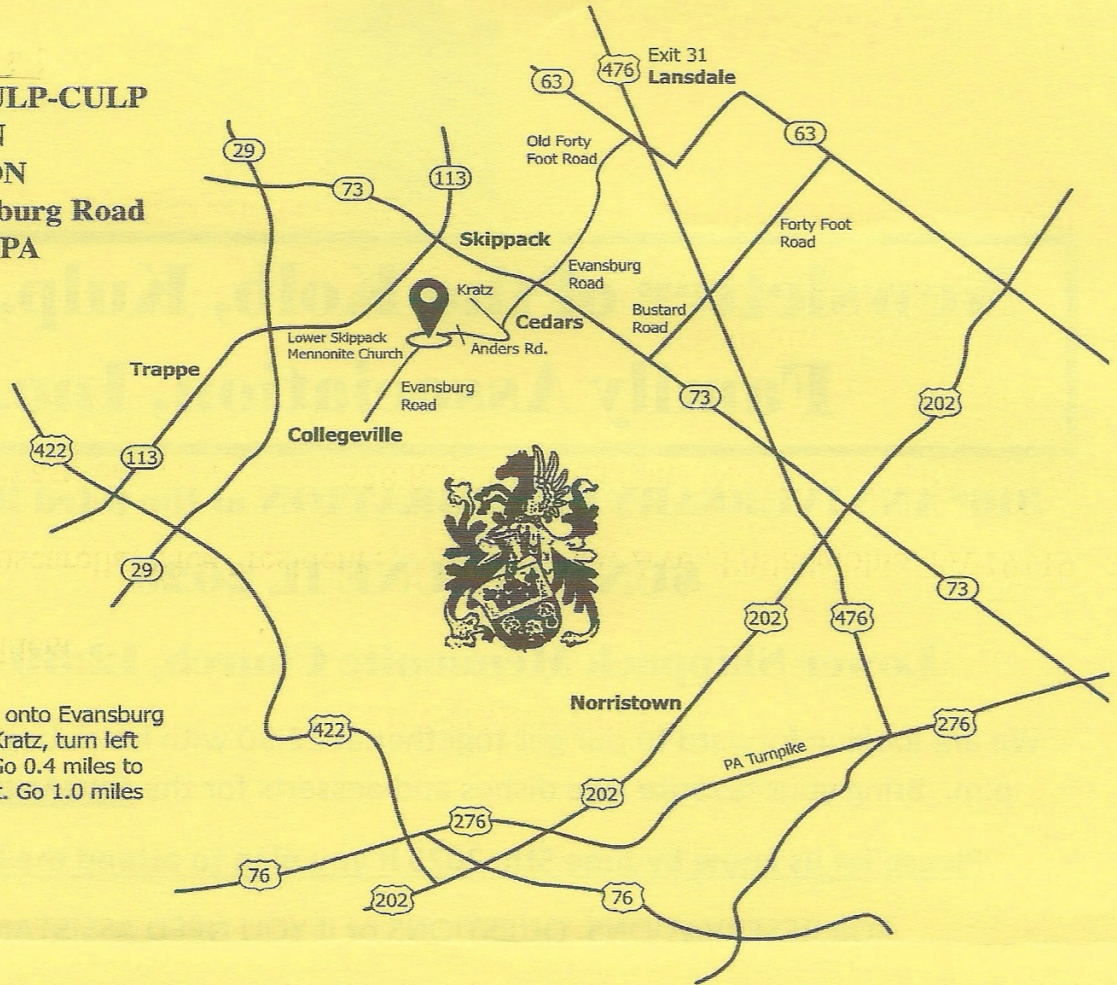
**COLOR PHOTO (12 x 18)** of the **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group**

\$15 at Reunion, \$23 by mail

**John L. Ruth's Speech at the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007-CD \$5 + Shipping**



**The  
KOLB-KULP-CULP  
REUNION  
LOCATION  
892 Evansburg Road  
Skippack, PA**



**From 73:** Turn at light onto Evansburg Road. Go 0.9 miles to Kratz, turn left (see sign for church). Go 0.4 miles to Anders Road, turn right. Go 1.0 miles to church on left.



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