

Happy New Year!!

Hi KKC Extended Family,

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 Kulp Reunion on June 11th at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church. Our speaker will be reunion member, Doug “Dutch” Moyer, 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.

He will be talking about the Kulp Family Legacy and the events that drove our ancestors out of the Old World and into the New World.

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 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 our immediate forebearers passed on to us, our children and of future generations.

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.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy New Year!

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P.S. Be sure to follow the website (<http://kolb-kulp-culp.org>) as we get that developed and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kolb-Kulp-Culp-Family-Reunion-111440337655136>).

P.P.S. I have been working on the website over the last week, so you will see some changes when you go on. The original website Glenn Landis developed is now found under its own separate tab. I am currently working on the 'Library' tab and hope to place the Kulp Family Record Book and the annual reunion bulletins there. But I am running into a snag of how to best place the PDFs on the page, so if anyone has suggestions, I would appreciate it.