

Hi KKC Extended Family,

The next three newsletters will provide some background information about Skippack prior to Mr. Walt Johnson's talk at the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Reunion on June 9th.

From the Skippack Historical Society's website, here is a timeline of some of the important dates and events in Skippack History (<https://www.skippack.org/skippackhistory.htm>) with links to their respective webpages, if any:

[1681 – William Penn receives his royal charter.](#)

[1682 – William Penn conveyed 5000 acres of land in this province to Dirck Sipman of Crefeld.](#)

[1687 – A Dutch merchant named Mattias Van Beeber arrived in Germantown.](#)

[1698 – Dirck Sipman sold his unlocated land to Matthias Van Bebber.](#)

[1702 – Mattias Van Bebber secures a patent for his 6,166 acres of land.](#)

1704 – Van Bebber moves from Philadelphia to Bohemia Manor, Maryland.

1706 – Hendrick Pannebecker settles in Skippack. Acting as a representative for Van Bebber he surveyed and prepared many of the deeds for the early settlers in Skippack.

[1706 – Gerhard and Herman In Den Hoffen purchase 440 acres from Van Beeber.](#)

[1710 - ? Gerhard and Herman In Den Hoffen build a stone house.](#)

[1713 – Petition by 30 landowners in the Skippack region to have the government build a road \[Skippack Pike\] from Bebber township to “Wide Marsh \[today known as Whitemarsh\].](#)

1717 – Van Bebber conveyed 100 acres of land to seven trustees for a meeting house, school house and cemetery for all inhabitants of Bebbers Township.

[1718 – Christopher Dock taught at the Meetinghouse school until 1771.](#)

1719 – Skippack Mennonite Meeting House is built.

[1725 – Bebber township was surveyed and given the name of “Skippack and Perkiomen Township.”](#)

[1777 – George Washington marches the Continental Army into Skippack on the way to and from the Battle of Germantown.](#)

A reminder of two Skippack Historical Society (<https://www.skippack.org/shs.htm>) events:

March 28th at 7:30pm. at the Skippack Township building - “The Lives, Legends and Legacy of the Three Christopher Sauers” by Dave Willauer, retired teacher and principal

April 25th at 7:30 p.m. – “Seven one-room schoolhouses in Skippack Township” - The program will be held at the school house next to Lower Skippack Mennonite Church.

Website update: All Reunion Bulletins have been uploaded and most of the newsletters I have sent out are as well. Working on getting the older newsletters and the Family Record Book (Brown Binder) on the site.

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

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P.S. Save the Date: next Kolb reunion 9 June 2024 at 12:30