

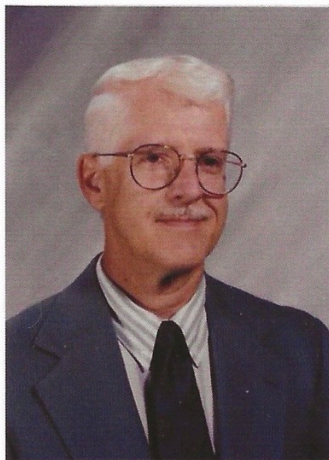
Commemorating the 317th Anniversary of the Kolb Family's Arrival in America

KOLB-KULP-CULP Family Association, Inc.

94th Family Reunion: SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

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

892 Evansburg Road, Skippack, PA



Our Speaker: Walt Johnson, Retired Teacher and Historian for Skippack Historical Society

***“Dielman Kolb and the Kolb Leadership in the Early Years of
Bebber’s Township and the Mennonite Congregation at the Skippack
Meeting House”***

When our Kolb ancestors first came to Pennsylvania in 1707, they first settled in Germantown, a small community about 6 miles north of the rapidly growing town of Philadelphia. Germantown was becoming a prosperous town in its own right, but the Kolbs and others soon left for an area 20 miles to the northwest known as Bebbler’s Township, later to be known as Skippack. The Kolbs quickly became leaders in early Skippack and the Mennonite congregation there. Their younger brother, Dielman Kolb arrived in 1717, taking up residence not far away in Lower Salford, where he made his own contributions to that area and the Mennonite Church there.

This year’s reunion speaker, Walt Johnson, will talk about the founding of Skippack and the Kolb’s influence during its founding and following years. (Continued on Page 4)



**2024 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). . *My County ‘Tis of Thee* Carol Wenger

Recognition of Youngest, Oldest & Longest Distance Traveled

Report of Nominating Committee

Program: “*The Kolbs and Bebber’s Township* Walt Johnson

Benediction . . . *It Is Well With My Soul* Carol Wenger

3:30 p.m. Adjournment

Home Page for the WEBSITE is <https://kolb-kulp-culp.org>

**WEBSITE created by and now dedicated to our longtime genealogist
GLENN H. LANDIS**

Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

Do you think the Kolb family members, who first met **100 years ago**, could imagine we would still be meeting in 2024? Even 50 years ago? What did they discuss, how did they celebrate, when they met? Was it just a big family get together or more serious?

So why do we meet? Is it to learn about genealogy and individuals, share a common bond, imagine life in the 18th century, understand how historical events shaped our families, or something else? Or is it all of those things? We focus on the five Dielman Kolb brothers, but what of Johannes who went south and some of the other Kolbs who came in the 1700s?

Maybe that is something we can talk about as we meet again on **Sunday, June 9, 2024 starting at 12:30 PM at the Social Hall of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church!** Remember, this is a place some of our ancestors helped establish, as **Walt Johnson** will talk about, and many are buried across the street!

As has been our practice for many years now, a catered lunch by **Kathy and Alan Kratz**, will be provided starting at 1p.m. 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 jjoerberho@comcast.net by June 3rd and let us know how many will be coming.**

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

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 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.

The content on the website <https://kolb-kulp-culp.org> continues to grow, as the “Library” now has all of the Reunion Bulletins back to 1924, the newsletters, and hopefully by the reunion, all pages of the Kulp Family Record Book (brown binder). Again, many thanks to **Lenore Suhanec of Pink Sky Studios** <https://PinkSkyStudios.com> for her help in getting the website up and going!!! She went above and beyond what was expected and we highly recommend her! However, the content is far from complete, so you have any documents, photos, stories, genealogies, etc., or even do some writing for it, please contact Jack.

The website has also added a dozen members to our ranks via their online searches about the Kolbs. We currently had about 135 members receiving monthly emails and the annual bulletin electronically and 211 by snail mail. If you have an **address change** or **no longer wish to receive our mailing**, please let us know.

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Executive Committee Letter (Continued from Page 3)

Jack electronically emails and posts on Facebook a monthly newsletter, discussing different topics related to the KKC reunion, the website and family history. If you would like to receive what has been written via USPS mail, please let him know, and he will be send them out every 3-4 months.

For those wanting more genealogical help, the **Palatines To America - German Genealogical Society** (<https://www.palam.org>), based in Ohio, might be an additional resource to explore.

Our **KKC 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, so every little donation counts. You may include a check made out to the "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.

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!! With Many Thanks!

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Reunion Executive Committee

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OUR SPEAKER: Walt Johnson grew-up in Creamery, Skippack Township, graduating from the Collegeville-Trappe High School. He then received a B.S. Degree from Ursinus College and later attended Ohio State University where he earned a Master's Degree in Mathematics. He taught for 25 years at the Indian Valley Junior High School and then 13 years at the Souderton Area High School. He also was an associate professor at Ursinus College in the Education Department for 5 years. Walt is a 5th generation teacher in Skippack Township, following grandfathers Henry G. Johnson, Henry H., Henry M., and his father Ralph W. Johnson as continuous teachers beginning in 1826! His son teaches at Indian Valley Middle School, making the streak the 6th generations!!!!

After retiring from being a math teacher, he became interested in the local history of the area. He is currently involved in the Skippack Historical Society, serving as a historian. He is also director and chairman of "Washington's Encampment", a living history event held in the village of Skippack held each September. He also gives tours of the historic IndenHofen House and Barn Museums, and enjoys presenting programs of our local history to scout groups, senior citizen communities and civic groups.

Walt is also a descendent of one of our family's first arrivals, Jacob Kolb!

In Memoriam 2024

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Jacqueline M. Hafler, Aaronsburg, PA	April 28, 2022	74
*Carol Jean Kulp, Honeybrook, PA	August 10, 2022	76
Theodore Earl Culp III	September 10, 2022	77
*Rev. Robyn A. Kulp, Philadelphia	2022	
**Oscar White Muscarella, Philadelphia	November 27, 2022	91
Frances K. Brownlee, Hatfield, PA	December 28, 2022	94
Michael Alan Bergey, Pennsburg, PA	December 31, 2022	56
Harry Nicholas Kulp, Lebanon, PA	January 3, 2023	72
Marian Grace Kulp, Orwigsburg, PA	March 18, 2023	94
Nancy A. (Reddig) Kulp, Reamstown, PA	April 12, 2023	58
*Mabel Kulp Hoepfl, Hatfield, PA	April 14, 2023	92
Frank A. Devine, Lansdale, PA	April 24, 2023	87
Joan E. (Walley) Johnson, Birdsboro, PA	May 3, 2023	87
Willard W. Kulp, Bethlehem, PA	May 9, 2023	85
June Bardsley Kolb, Topton, PA	May 15, 2023	91
Beverly (Yerger) Stezenko, East Greenville, PA	May 17, 2023	77
Edward T. Kolb, Philadelphia, PA	May 20, 2023	
Ray K. Yoder, Harleysville, PA	May 29, 2023	85
Thomas C. Kolb, Westfield, Tioga County, PA	June 1, 2023	63
Matilda A. Kolb, Nazareth, PA	June 2, 2023	88
Christine Renee Kulp, Trumbauersville, PA	June 4, 2023	82
Joel C. Kulp, Souderton, PA	June 5, 2023	77
Jennette Delp, Sellersville, PA	July 1, 2023	78
Donna Ann (Kulp) Courts, Horsham, PA	Aug. 19, 2023	64
*Colleen Lightkep, Hatboro, PA	Aug 23, 2023	58
Lois Culp, Telford, PA	Aug. 30, 2023	80
John "Randy" Kulp, Pottstown, PA	Sept. 1, 2023	76
Susan D. Dusza, Perkasio, PA	Sept. 18, 2023	69
Gary S. Landis, Sellersville, PA	Oct. 20, 2023	66
Angela M. Culp, Lancaster, PA	Nov. 8, 2023	57
Beth Ann Marlin, Hatfield, PA	Nov. 13, 2023	75
George Kulp, Boyertown, PA	Nov. 20, 2023	81
David Kulp, Narvon, PA	Nov. 27, 2023	81
Harold D. Kulp, East Coventry, PA	Dec. 13, 2023	90
*C. Marilyn Forst, Hatfield, PA	Dec. 27, 2023	89
Allen Walter Kulp, Pottstown, PA	Jan. 6, 2024	65
Mildred A. (Kolb) Halteman, Souderton, PA	Jan. 13, 2024	89
Paul A. Kulp, Harleysville, PA	Jan. 30, 2024	84
Beatrice Kulp Nyce, Sounderton, PA	Jan 30 2024	93

* = On or related to someone on our Kulp Reunion Mailing List

** = Oscar was the husband of Grace Freed Muscarella, a long time KKC officer, and a renowned archaeologist and Senior Research Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

In Memoriam 2024 (Continued)

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Judith A. Brunner, Pipersville, PA	Feb. 4, 2024	
*Marc Anthony Kulp, Croydon, PA	Feb. 25, 2024	24
Marian W. Brunn, Sellersville, PA	Feb 26, 2024	98
*Andy Geisinger, Upper Milford Township, PA	March 14, 2024	68
***Marion Hampton, Boothwyn, PA	March 23, 2024	90
Charles A. Kulp, Perkiomenville, PA	March 23, 2024	83
Harry E. Kulp, Gilbertsville, PA	March 24, 2024	87

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***= Marion was a longtime attendee and granddaughter of one of the founders.
She was 22 days old when she first attended a reunion in 1934.

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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.

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We look forward to our get together starting 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 3rd, 2024 if you plan to attend the luncheon!

FOR RESERVATIONS, DIRECTIONS, QUESTIONS or if YOU NEED ASSISTANCE,

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**TO RESERVE LUNCH, 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

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Please send me a Family Crest Tile (Blue only)

c/o Jack Oberholtzer

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COLOR PHOTO (12 x 18) of the 300th Anniversary Group

\$15 at Reunion, \$23 by mail

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