

Hi KKC Extended Family,

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Reunion 2024 held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and those who could only be there in spirit! It was so nice to see the many familiar faces and also meet some new ones. So, I just wanted to send out a short recap of events:

It was a nice day, not too warm and comfortable in the Social Hall. We had 47 people attend. David and Virginia Culp were our longest distance travelers driving in from Ohio. The oldest attendee was Gary Kulp of Malvern, PA at 86. Gianna Reiss at 13, was our youngest attendee! It was great to see the twins, Richard and Robert Kulp, again. I had a letter from and also spoke with, Lucy and Robert Kern, who said they were very sad not to be able to attend the reunion this year, but were there in spirit.

Kathy and Allen Kratz provided us a great “groaning board” as usual, plus attendees provided a number of extra side dishes and desserts.

We had a large number of items on display and handouts this year:

- Jack prepared a handout introducing some of Walt’s topics, maps and the Skippack Road Petition.
- Our speaker, Walt Johnson, brought several books containing Kolb fractur, handouts on the LSMC Cemetery, the “War Tax” an updated listing of the Kolbs who came to America (and the references in the Philadelphia Archives Vol. XVII), and brochures about the history of the LSMC.
- Ed and Kay Kulp brought a framed map of Coventry Township, Chester County, which displayed their family (Eugene) Kulp farm and others.
- Brian Moyer brought a large portfolio made by his father which displayed many of the different types of records, everyday receipts and other ephemera from the family farm.
- Susan Kampschmidt brought a number of documents related to Johannes Kolb and the Pee Dee River dig near his property in South Carolina.
- Finally, Richard and Robert Kulp, brought a wheel barrel made by their great grandfather, who was a wheelwright. 1765-1929 6 generations It was purchased from Stouts and it came out of a barn near Boyertown. They had another barrel known to be made by him and the measurements and pin stripes on it match exactly!

Additionally, Gail Kogut was able to make some contacts about her ancestry along the lines of George Michael Kolb. Also, Rodney Kulp mentioned he was working on publishing a genealogy of George Michael Kolb in the next few months.

Jack Oberholtzer chaired the meeting portion. Doug Moyer recited the Lord’s Prayer in German in acknowledgement of our religious heritage.

The reunion secretary, Jack Oberholtzer, noted after our last's year's mailing update and request for those able to receive the mailing electronically, we currently have 337 on our list with about 111 of those going out via email, providing us some savings in postage and printing.

Jack spoke about the new website that is up and running. It still needs more to add the old bulletins and the Genealogical Reference Record and other information. If you have anything of interest that might be of interest to let him know.

Our treasurer, Mark Moyer, announced last year (2023) we took in approximately \$1912 for the reunion, with expenses of \$1873, so we had a positive net of \$39. So, we have a decent financial base. Mugs and shirts are available, but Mark just sold the last of the tiles we had ordered long ago from Peace Valley Tile.

The current officers were nominated and elected to continue serving in their respective positions (but we would welcome help in any capacity): President and VP-Vacant; Treasurer-Mark Moyer; Secretary-Jack Oberholtzer; Genealogist-Donna Gerber; Music-Carol Wenger.

Carol Wenger also led us in music before the groaning board, during the offering and as a benediction.

Walt Johnson gave a wide-ranging talk about the Kolbs and Skippack. Here are some of his topics:

History of Skippack

- History of Lower Skippack Mennonite Church
- 1713 Petition for the Skippack Road
- Dielman Kolb and Salford Mennonite Church
- Christopher Dock
- Funkites Split from Mennonites (circa 1777-78) – Support of the War Tax
- Items for display
  - o Andreas Kolb Fraktur
- One Room School House 1856 – LSMC Property
  - o Two original pews from 1725
- LSMC Cemetery –
  - o Kolbs, Dock, Michael Ziegler (church leader), Anthony Holman (not a Mennonite)
- Orphans – Pastor Muhlenberg and Kolbs

Handout of maps and documents:

- Map of Philadelphia 1687
- Map of Bebbers Township 1702-1724
- 1713 Petition for Skippack Road
- Map of Skippack Area with Kolbs

Jack was able to make audio and video recordings of the business meeting part of the reunion and of Walt's talk on Google Docs. You access to those files through the following links:

KKC Reunion 2024 Audio and Video Recordings of Walt's Presentation and the Business Meeting can be found here: [KKC Reunion 2024 Recordings](#)

KKC Reunion Handouts (listed below) can be accessed here: [KKC Reunion 2024 Handouts](#)

List of the handouts given at the KKC Reunion 2024:

Walt's Topics and Maps:

- Walt's Topics and Maps (Individual Pages):
- Effective Supply Tax 1779-1781:
- History of LSMC and Lower Skippack Schools:
- Kolb Foreign Arrivals, taken from the Phila. Archives Vol. XVII:
- Lower Skippack Mennonite Church Cemetery, List of Kolbs, Kolps, Kulps and Culp

If you have trouble accessing these documents, please let me know. And if you do not have any access to a computer, we might be able to have a paper copy sent to you.

That's about it for now. If you have any questions, want to offer some time to help, etc., please contact me and I will be glad to help you out. Be on the look-out for an email each month. I also hope to get a recording of the speaker available at some time as well.

Many thanks for those making donations and Mark, Carol, Donna, Tina, Doug and Brian for their work and help putting the reunion together! Looking forward to seeing you next year on **8 June 2025!**

**Jack Oberholtzer**  
**Secretary, Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association**

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

P.P.S. For website or digital marketing help, please consider **Lenore Suhanec** at **Pink Sky Studios** <https://pinkskystudios.com>. She helped with our website and did a great job.

P.P.P.S. Please check out the genealogical resources at the website of *Palatines to America German Genealogy Society* <https://www.palam.org>