

Hi KKC Extended Family,

We had a great turnout to the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Reunion 2025 held on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and understand some of you could not attend were there in spirit! It was so nice to see the many familiar faces, plus we also had a number of new attendees as well. I just wish I had more time to talk with each of you. 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 57 people attend.

We had travelers from Ontario, Florida, Georgia and several from Bridgeville, Allegheny County, PA. We remembered those who could no longer be with us, including Lamar Kolb's wife Martha, a regular attendee who passed away on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Jack had also spoken Lucy and Robert Kern, who said they were very sad not to be able to attend the reunion this year, but were thinking about us.

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

For the reunion secretary's report, Jack noted the email list is up to 151 names and the physical mailing list has 188. This year, instead of sending a printed mailing to all on the mailing list, he sent a postcard out to 78 of those whom we had not had any contact with for 15 + years, requesting they contact us if they still wanted to remain on our list. He did hear back from a few, but the remainder will be removed from the list for next year's reunion mailing.

Jack spoke that the website now has all documents from the Family Record Book with an index. He also asked for assistance in researching and writing articles, specifically:

1. Learn more about the early Kolb settlers listed on the Arrival of Kolbs in Pennsylvania in the Family Record Book ...we know about the Dielman Kolb line, the George Michael and Casper Kolbs, but there were many others. Who are they and where did they settle? See the.
2. We have a diminishing resource out there...all those reunion members who have attended for many years...what are their recollections, their living history. Get that written down or recorded for posterity. If you have any old recordings of the reunions, please let me know.
3. Do any research you are interested in, write something up and send it to me to send out to the group. Also, if you have any questions that might be answered.
4. If you read something interesting, you can contribute writing that up as well.

Our treasurer, Mark Moyer, announced that over last year we took in approximately \$1212 for the reunion, with expenses of \$1619, with a net loss of \$407. But we still have a decent financial base in savings. Mugs and shirts are available, but we are out of tiles. Presently, Mark does not see a demand to place a new order from Peace Valley Tile, which still has the molds.

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, unfortunately, in the rush to close up, neglected our benediction.

Rodney Kulp gave a wide-ranging presentation on the Kolb/Kulp Family from Meckesheim, including his ancestry tracing back to George Michael Kolb and beyond. George Michael and his brothers, Melchior and Peter, arrived in Philadelphia on 11 September 1738 aboard the ship *Robert and Alice*\*. They soon settled in New Hanover Township, now in Montgomery County, where George established the Kolb/Kulp Wheelwright shop that was in operation through the generations from 1738 until 1931! Rodney showed many photos of the people, maps, documents, as well as those of the carriages and wagons they built over almost 200 years. He also displayed a wheelbarrow, several paintings and many photos of the people and shop. Rodney has published a book on his family research and the wheelwright shop, "The Kolb/Kulp Family of Meckesheim" which is available through him for purchase (his email is [mrbigbear@aol.com](mailto:mrbigbear@aol.com)).

Audio and video of the business meeting and Rodney's presentation, plus photos and Rodney's presentation have placed on Google Docs. You access to those files through the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fow4YbEFiKcrTo9Y-3ziiDocZJraR-WI?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fow4YbEFiKcrTo9Y-3ziiDocZJraR-WI?usp=share_link)

If you have trouble accessing these documents, please let me know. 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 advice and work in helping putting the reunion together! Looking forward to seeing you next year on **14 June 2026!**

**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://pinkszystudios.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>

\*Correction from ship *Robert and Oliver*, as many references have, except the one I looked at, Kolb Early Arrivals, page 20 of the Kulp Family Record Book – Thanks to Gail Kogut for pointing this error out to me. See parts of her email below:

I just wanted to mention a small detail I noticed in your email. In the paragraph that starts with Rodney Kolb, you list the ship as *Robert and Oliver*. The correct name is actually *Robert & Alice*.

This correction comes from both the **Genealogical Publishing Company edition** of Rupp's *Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names* (1931, 1965, and later printings) and the editorial material in *Pennsylvania*

*German Pioneers* by Strassburger and Hinke. These sources point out that Rupp's publication had frequent errors like this — changing ship names, rearranging lists, and misreading names.

The correct ship name, *Robert & Alice*, is also confirmed in **Ben Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette** (September 7, 1738), where the ship's arrival was reported with Captain Walter Goodman from Dover.

There are two main criticisms to be made of the publication of Rupp. In the first place, he was too arbitrary in his treatment of the lists. In not one case did he reproduce the lists exactly as he found them in the originals, but he radically changed the lists in everything that allowed of change. He changed the headings, he changed the arrangement of the names and he changed the spelling of the names. Secondly, he misread hundreds of names.

The headings were made up by Rupp from the *Colonial Records*, or condensed from the actual headings as found on the lists. In this attempt to condense many slips were made, only a few of which need to be mentioned, by way of example. Occasionally he omitted the name of the ship. Thus in No. 43, he states that 110 persons were imported in the brigantine Perthamboy, which should be, in the brigantine John, of Perthamboy. In list 141, he omits both the name of the ship as well as the captain, the ship was Lydia and the captain John Randolph (See our No. 142).

More frequently he misreads the names of the ships. Richmond and Elizabeth (No. 33) should be Richard and Elizabeth. Virginus Grace (No. 46) should be Virtuous Grace. The name of ship No. 58 should not be Nancy and Friendship, but Friendship; while the name Nancy belongs to No. 59. The ship Bawley, No. 188, should be the ship Rawley, see our list, No. 191. Robert and Oliver (No. 55) should be Robert and Alice. Instead of Morton Star (No. 296) we should read Morning Star (see our list, No. 301).

## The arrival of the Robert and Alice ship on September 7, 1738

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William Blair, Master, and the Snow Jane, John Andrews, Master, with 130 Passengers and Servants from Ireland.  
Capt. Arthur Burrows, who arrived here last Weck from St. Kitts, met in Latitude 30 the Sloop Anne, Capt. Seymour, laden with Rum & Mellasses from Anguilla, bound to New York; she had lost her Bowspit, & most of her Water had been wash'd off her Deck, in a great Storm.  
*Custom-House, Philadelphia, Entered in.*  
Ship Two Sisters, James Marshall, from Cowes.  
Briht Joseph, John Sim, from Lisbon.  
Snow Jane, John Andrew, from Carickfergus.  
Sloop Sarah, Arthur Burrows, from St. Christophers.  
Ship William & Mary, William Blair, from Carickferg.  
Ship Glasgow Gally, Walter Herling, from Cowes.  
Ship Robert & Alice, Walter Goodman, from Dover.  
Briht Clymer, James Whild, from Barbados.  
Snow Mulbery, William Fishbourne, from Antigua.  
Snow Warren, Henry Bowers, from Antigua.

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