

Hi KKC Extended Family,

This is the second time-out this from the Beasley/Avery writeups as I have two other topics to report on. The second topic is from an email I recently received from our genealogist Donna Gerber, who is also a realtor, that the **Dielman Kolb house in Lower Salford** just went up for sale. She sent me an MLS sheet with all the photos that I have attached to this email. The house has apparently been left empty for a number of years.

Which reminds me of a piece in the KKC Family Record Book, page 19, which I have reproduced below...

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Historic Residence of Pioneer Dielman Kolb
By Clarence Kulp, Jr. and Robert C. Bucher
(first published in 1936 as part of the Kulp Family Record Book)

Dielman Kolb arrived in Pennsylvania in 1717 and bought his first tract of ground, in what is now known as Lower Salford Township, sometime between 1717 and 1721. His homestead is on Kinsey Road, about ¾ of a mile between southeast of Lederach, just east of Rt. 113. The House is now owned (in 1936) by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Detwiler.

James Y. Heckler, in his “History of Lower Salford Township,” makes the following statement in reference to Dielman Kolb – “His residence was about ¾ of a mile southeast of Ladrachille, on the east side of the road. The property now belongs (in 1886) to David Benner, of Philadelphia.”

Dielman Kolb’s first house was very probably built of Logs about the year 1720, and was probably typical of the low one and a half story log dwellings erected by the Dutch and North German Mennonites who first settled in Germantown and then moved out into the areas of Skippack and Salford.

The first house served by the Kolb family until sometime in the 1730’s, when the present substantial stone dwelling was erected. No date stone has found to pinpoint the date of erection; however, the architecture of the house indicates the early 18th century. Also, the house is mentioned in Mr. Kolb’s will which was written July 8, 1748, thus establishing the house as pre-1748.

The Homestead is now in the process of being restored to its original condition by Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler. The Kolb house, with its gambrel roof and peculiar room

arrangement, is typical of the Houses built by the Holland and North German Mennonite settlers of Germantown and Skippack in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. The architecture of the house is a part of the culture of our earliest Mennonite forebearers of Montgomery County, who came from the lower Rhine country, on both sides of the Holland-German border, but were completely Holland Dutch in culture. Dielman Kolb, although he immigrated from the Palatinate, in South Germany, was descended from Dutch Mennonites who had fled to the area of Kriesheim, Palatinate in the early 17th century to escape religious persecution in Holland.

Other evidences of his Dutch background were his command of the Dutch language, as well as his trade as a weaver. The strong linen-weaving tradition was brought from Holland by the Mennonite settlement of the Skippack area and was the leading industry in this area during the colonial period.