

KOLB-KULP-CULP Family Association, Inc.

95th Family Reunion: SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

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

892 Evansburg Road, Skippack, PA



Our Speaker: Rodney Kulp

“The Kulp Family from Meckesheim”

We are excited to announce that Rodney Kulp will be presenting a special PowerPoint on the history of the Kulp family of Meckesheim at our upcoming reunion. Rodney will focus on the Kulp family's origins, tracing the line of George Michael Kolb, who arrived in America in 1738, entering through the Port of Philadelphia. The family settled in New Hanover Township, part of what was Western Philadelphia County, near what is now the Green Lane Reservoir.

Rodney will explore the Kulp family's legacy, specifically their role in wagon making in Pennsylvania, from colonial times through the 1930s. For nearly 200 years and seven generations, the Kolb/Kulp family operated a successful wheelwright business, contributing to the development of the region.

In addition to the presentation, Rodney has recently published a genealogy book detailing this line of family history, which will be available for purchase in limited quantities at the reunion.

We hope you can join us for this insightful presentation and an opportunity to purchase the family genealogy book.

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2025 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). . *America the Beautiful*. Carol Wenger

Recognition of Youngest, Oldest & Longest Distance Traveled

Report of Nominating Committee

Program: "*The Kulp Family from Meckesheim*" Rodney Kulp

Benediction . . . *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* 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:

Welcome to our second century of family gatherings!

Last fall, I wrote a series of newsletters about our reunion's founding family, descendants of Squire Joseph Kolb. But did you know they were descendants of **Georg Michael Kolb** from Meckesheim? Well, we will learn more about his lineage in this year's talk by **Rodney Culp**, about Georg's line and their life here in America, actually, New Hanover, not too far away, when we meet again on **Sunday, June 8, 2025 starting at 12:30 PM at the Social Hall of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church!**

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 jeoberho@comcast.net by June 2nd 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 and some T-shirts. Please fill out the attached form or contact him directly 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 slowly grow, as the "Library" now has all of the Reunion Bulletins back to 1924 and all pages of the Kulp Family Record Book (brown binder). I next want to expand some of the details found in the FRB over the next year. 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's contact form has also added a several members to our ranks via their online searches about the Kolbs. We currently had about 150 members receiving monthly emails and the annual bulletin electronically and 260 by snail mail. However, about a third of those mail recipients will only get a postcard this year, as I want to remove names from the mailing list that we have not heard from for over 15 years. If you have an address change or no longer wish to receive our mailing, please let us know.

Since our last reunion, I covered three subjects in the monthly newsletters: the reunion's founding Kolb Family of Squire Joseph Kolb, a genealogical chart found in Georgia about parts of the Johannes Kolb Family, and another early Kolb to America, Hans Casper Kolb.

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Executive Committee Letter (Continued from Page 3)

Jack electronically emails and posts on Facebook these a monthly newsletters, 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.

Jack has two ideas/requests for research/writing that could be accomplished by anyone over the next year:

- Research the other "Kolb Families" that came to America before 1800, and
- Interview/record our reunion members of their recollections of past reunions to create an oral history of the reunion.

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: Rodney Allan Kulp Sr. is a passionate history enthusiast, particularly focused on local and American history. He takes great pride in exploring the rich tapestry of his family's heritage and often immerses himself in researching the stories that have shaped both his community and the nation. Beyond his historical interests, Rodney enjoys woodworking, a craft that allows him to connect with the past in a hands-on way, creating functional and beautiful pieces that reflect his personal touch. Above all, he treasures the time spent with his family, considering it an essential part of his life that fuels his work, his research, and his commitment to preserving the history and traditions that have been passed down through generations.

In Memoriam 2025

<i>Name and Address (all in PA unless noted)</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
*Marjorie Gehman, Telford	September 20, 2022	68
Theodore Earl Culp, III; Hanover	September 22, 2022	82
*Ilse (Helfferich) Munzinger, St. Peters	July 6, 2023	97
Barbara Kolb Kutz, Belfast	October 30, 2023	86
Gorgianna Marks, Sunbury	November 4, 2023	88
Beth Ann Marlin, Hatfield	November 13, 2023	75
Kenneth Wilmer Faust, Harleysville	November 27, 2023	81
David N. Kulp, Caernarvon Twp.	November 27, 2023	81
Joanna Louise Kulp, Souderton	December 7, 2023	94
Abraham K. Gehman, Bally	December 17, 2023	89
*Rachael Kulp Neuswanger, Maxatawny Tsp	December 18, 2023	94
Allen W. Kulp, Pottstown	January 6, 2024	65
Mildred A. Halteman, Souderton	January 13, 2024	89
*Richard M. Parvin, Telford	January 13, 2024	97
Galdys K. Kulp, Gilbertsville	January 14, 2024	90
*Esther Kinzie Faris, Aurora, CO	January 22, 2024 5 days shy of	103
Beatrice Nyce, Lansdale	January 30, 2024	93
Harold K. Keyser, Perkiomenville	March 22, 2024	82
Judith L. (Myers) Cressman, Red Hill	April 7, 2024	78
Vivian L. Sassaman, Limerick	April 7, 2024	90
*Maryann Kulp Neuswanger, Fortuna, MO	April 12, 2024	92
Clarence Kulp, Elverson	April 18, 2024	72
Gerald D. Kulp, Manheim	May 4, 2024	75
Lynn Mary Mavis Culp, Sellersville	May 7, 2024	73
*Richard S. Kolb, Fleetwood	June 3, 2024	74
Roberta Kelly, Souderton	July 13, 2024	87
Betty H. Kolb, Davidsville	July 20, 2024	94
Rosemarie Trumbore, Allentown	September 21, 2024	42
Nancy A. Kulp, Fleetwood	September 22, 2024	90
*Arlene K. Butts Umstead	September 28, 2024	92
Cheria D. Kolb, Pennsburg	September 30, 2024	94
George Moll, Jr., Pennsburg	October 1, 2024	96
Gary G. Kolb, Palm	November 3, 2024	83
Nancy A. Kulp, Palmer Twp	December 11, 2024	83
Malvene K. Kulp, Emmaus	December 13, 2024	91
*Abram Overholt Kulp, Sellersville	January 22, 2025	97

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

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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**". Please send the information to our secretary, Jack Oberholtzer, 2377 Magnolia Way, Jamison, PA 18929 or jeoberho@comcast.net.



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**318th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at the 95th REUNION:
SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025**

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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 2nd, 2025 if you plan to attend the luncheon!

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

Please contact: Jack Oberholtzer at 215-534-0194 or jeoberho@comcast.net

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

c/o Jack Oberholtzer

\$15 at Reunion, \$23 by mail

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