

# *Kolb-Kulp-Culp Genealogy Newsletter - Volume 1 - Issue 1 July 4, 2012*

Independence Day is perhaps a good time to begin a new endeavor as our ancestors began the building of a new government on this date in 1776. This temporary editor will attempt to begin a Kolb-Kulp-Culp Genealogy Newsletter to share the information that we have acquired about the history of the various lines of our Kolb-Kulp-Culp families. I will depend on the members on the mailing list to participate by sharing your family information that you believe would be useful for other members on the list. I will share some of the relevant and/or interesting family information that I receive relevant to my own lines and to other related families and lines. Please let me know your opinions of the content and direction of the newsletter.

We had a good reunion June 10 at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church. Incidentally, it is the Lower Skippack church because, in the 1840's, many members, including my grandfather Abraham D. Landis and some Kulp families, left the church to start a new church to the north which would be called the Upper Skippack Mennonite Church. Theology and Social differences can make some faithful incompatible. At the reunion, we had some good food and a very interesting talk by one of our members, Brian Moyer, about farming methods past and present and how these methods effect the future of small sustainable farms. We also had some good singing sounds led by our new Music Director Carol Wenger. Better singing than we have heard for many years. I took some time to wander in the cemetery. I find it very rewarding to "feel" the silent sounds and invisible images of nearly 300 years of funerals and burials that marked the closing days of all these ancestors that have come and gone from this earth. Although the graves are no longer marked, we can be pretty sure that the three immigrant Mennonite Kolb brothers, Jacob, Martin and Henry, are buried in the old section of the cemetery and many of their descendants also. Glenn Kulp shared some of his pictures of Meckesheim, German ancestral home of the Reformed Kolbs of New Goschenhoppen.

We had about 60 kinsmen at the reunion, some local Kolbs and Kulpes and some coming from further corners. Susan Kolb Kampschmidt is a Texan transplanted to New Jersey came to join the celebrations. She is a descendant of brother Johannes who left Skippack in the 1730's and settled on the PeeDee in South Carolina. Descendants of this line are quite numerous throughout the south and there is a strong family group in Texas. A persistent mystery of this line is why Johannes who lived with his brothers in Skippack for more than twenty years left for South Carolina. His brothers Jacob, Martin and Henry were quite active in the Mennonite Church, but it seems that Johannes was not although he was a member of the Germantown Mennonite Church before 1710 and probably a member at Skippack.

I have spent some time recently helping a descendant of the Kolp line of Lancaster County, PA. Their early history is a bit foggy, but Johann Christian Kolb arrived in Philadelphia in 1753 on the Rowand and seems to have made his way to Lancaster County where he married Ann Magdalene Dierstein and died in 1774 at Rapho Township in Lancaster County. Known children: Christian, Barbara, Michael, Henry, John, Peter, Magdalena, Maria and Jacob. Henry Kulp/Kolp died in Mt. Joy in 1794 and his descendants seem to have taken the Kolp spelling and

there are still descendants in this area with the Kolp name. Other descendants are not well studied. An interesting possible relationship is that a Christian Culp 1747 - 1833 came to Ontario about 1789 and seems to have been born in Lancaster County, PA. A lot of work to do for someone on this family. Anyone have an interest?

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