

Hi KKC Extended Family,

We had a great turnout, over 60 people and three dogs, to the Kolb, Kulp, Culp 2026 Reunion held on Sunday, June 14th! 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, but a little warm by the end of the event in the Social Hall.

We had travelers from Ontario, Ohio and Florida (Charlotte Culp Novak – farthest traveler). Lucy and Robert Kern (the oldest) were able to attend, thanks to their son, Mark, who drove them to the event. Jack, Lamar Kolb's grandson, was the youngest!

We remembered those who could no longer be with us and those that served our country in the military and through alternate service.

Kathy and Allen Kratz provided us a great “groaning board” as usual, plus attendees provided a number of extra side dishes and many desserts, including a “Kulp Reunion” carrot cake brought by Doug Moyer and a home-made, 3-tier, raspberry filled cake, made by Hannah and Mary Kulp, also decorated with “Kolb-Kulp-Culp Reunion - Celebrating 96 Years.”

For the reunion secretary's report, Jack noted the email list is up to 182 names, up from 151 in 2025 and 138 in 2024. We reduced the mailing list to 107 from 188 names after sending out an “are you still interested” postcard last year, hearing back from only a few.

Jack mentioned he spent the last three weeks adding content to the website and will continue to do so over the next few months. He did add Anna Kolb Bean's recipe book, thanks to Brian Moyer, which can be found under the Library tab, Resources, Miscellaneous.

Our treasurer, Mark Moyer, announced that over last year we took in approximately \$1430 for the reunion, with expenses of \$1334, with a net gain of about \$96. We are breaking even and 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. [Note: Preliminary accounting for the 2026 reunion showed about \$1400 in expenses, with donations and item sales bringing in about \$1524.]

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.

Kay, Ed, Hannah and Mary Kulp also led us in music before the groaning board, during the offering and for our benediction.

Walt Johnson, a member of the Skippack Historical Society and our 2024 KKC Reunion speaker mentioned that the Dielman Kolb house in Lower Salford, that was recently up for sale, was purchased by a local history teacher, who was interested in preserving and restoring the historical nature of the house.

Unfortunately, Rev. Bob Gerhart was not able to attend to be our speaker. But in his place, we had, back from “Glory,” the Rev. George Bechtel! George came costumed in appropriate attire for the period, including a large brimmed hat and a double haversack. Some of the things George talked about were:

- Knowing the Kolbs, both in the Palatine and in Pennsylvania.
- Growing up in the Manheim area, chosen to be preacher. When he was 3 years old, he remembered the “Great Winter” of 1709, maybe the coldest winter on record in Europe! Followed by the summer of starvation!
- Much of the Palatinate had been destroyed by the 30 Years War between the Austrians and French, finally stopped by the Peace of Westphalia, about 50 years before he was born.
- Rulers of the region decided what religion people could worship. William Penn came down the Rhine, offering a place for people to worship “according to their conscience.”
- Leaving Deal, England, on 15 June 1728, to come to America and described the voyage on a sailing ship, the *Mortonhouse*, with 200 people living on one deck! They arrived in Philadelphia on August 24th and had to “affirm” their loyalty to King George II. Instead of going to Skippack, they went further away from Philadelphia to Goshenhoppen, which was later named Hereford Township.
- Attending gatherings to hear George Whitefield preach, and many other stories and tales.

A folder with the video of the business meeting, a separate video of Bob’s presentation, audio of Bob’s presentation, and a transcript of it have placed on a folder on my Apple iCloud. You can access to those files through the following link:

https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/061sFQ08uPC5hGHI-0MyjX_kQ#KKC_Reunion_2026_Audio-Video_Files

Many thanks for those making donations and Mark, Donna, Carol, Tina, Doug, Brian, Kay, Ed, Hannah and Mary, for their advice and work in helping putting the reunion together! Looking forward to seeing you next year on **13 June 2027!**

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. I encourage everyone to research their ancestry as far back as you can, hopefully back to the early Kolbs. If you have any that were involved in the American Revolution, please send me their information!

P.P.P.S Please send me your suggestions for future speakers or topics of research for the monthly email newsletters, or if YOU would like to help in the research!