

Isaac Clarence Kulp audiovisual collection

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Mennonite Heritage Center |
| Creator | Kulp, Isaac Clarence, 1938-2007 |
| Title | Isaac Clarence Kulp audiovisual collection |
| Call number | Hist.Mss.436.5 |
| Date [inclusive] | 1955-2007 |
| Extent | 2 linear feet ((3 boxes)) |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | <p>Isaac Clarence Kulp (1938-2007) was an historian, antiquarian, and folk artist of Vernfield, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania. In the 1960s he was one of the pioneers of Pennsylvania German folk culture research in the Goschenhoppen region of Montgomery County and surrounding areas. His collection of folklore notes, tape recordings, books, paintings, photographs and other manuscripts has been preserved at the Mennonite Heritage Center. The I. C. Kulp Audiovisual Collection contains 48 reel-to-reel and cassette tapes on which Mr. Kulp documented some of his research, interviews and historical work over the years. On these tapes can be heard traditional music of the Pennsylvania German community, as well as folklife interviews conducted by I. C. Kulp and fellow historians. In addition to audio tapes, there is a set of DVD's that contain 28 hours of explanation and discussion by I. C. Kulp, John Ruth and Alan Keyser on items in Mr. Kulp's collections.</p> |

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

Processing of the Isaac Clarence Kulp Collection was supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Brethren (Church of the Brethren).

Form/Genre(s)

- Audiovisual materials
- Research notes

Personal Name(s)

- Bayer, Florence, 1911-1999
- Birmelin, John, 1873-1950
- Frey, J. William (John William), 1916-1989
- Gottshall, Rein F., 1880-1976
- Kulp, Isaac Clarence, 1938-2007

Subject(s)

- Folk songs, Pennsylvania German
- Folklore
- Hymns, German
- Interviews
- Pennsylvania German dialect
- Singing
- Storytelling

Series A. Audio material

Collection Inventory

Series A. Audio material.

Sub-Series A1. Reel-to-reel tapes.

| | Box | Reel |
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| Second Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1958; singing of Pennsylvania German "spirituals" by Ira R. Bright (1887-1975) and daughter Grace S. Bright (1921-), no date; interview and singing by Sallie Moyer Landis (1867-1962) in Pennsylvania German, no date. | 49 | 1 |
| Second Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1958 (continued)-- dedication of Henry Funk and Jacob Landis memorial stones. | 49 | 2 |
| Third Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1959; singing of German hymns by James B. Derstine (1876-1961), Jacob C. Clemens (1874-1965), Hanna Rittenhouse Clemens (1880-1977), Rein F. Gottshall (1880-1976), Sallie Landis and others, recorded in several sessions probably circa 1960-1961. | 49 | 3 |
| Fourth Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1960 (recording is poor). | 49 | 4 |
| Singing of Evangelical hymns by Rein Gottshall; interview with Sallie Landis in Pennsylvania German; historical talks by Alan G. Keyser, Roy C. Kulp, Abe Hunsicker, Jacob C. Clemens, Wesley Reiff and Warren K. Schlotterer, 1961. | 49 | 5 |
| Interviews and singing by Jacob and Hanna Clemens, Rein Gottshall, Ira Bright and niece Miriam Bright Horne (1897-1978), recorded 1962-1963; singing of English folk hymns by Yvonne Milspaw, 1977. | 49 | 6 |

Sub-Series A1. Reel-to-reel tapes

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| Interviews with Bessie Gottshall Kulp (1901-1986), Maggie Oberholtzer (Denver, PA), and Rein Gottshall, 1962-1964; "Concept" radio program of J. William Frey speaking about Pennsylvania Dutch music, no date; Florence Baver radio program, no date; (Sixth?) Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, probably 1962. | 49 | 7 |
| Seventh Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1963--I. C. Kulp, moderator. | 49 | 8 |
| Eighth Annual Delp's Meetinghouse Memorial Service, 1964. | 49 | 9 |
| Organ music by Warren K. Schlotterer (1881-1968); congregational singing (possibly at Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield, PA); German hymns led by Peter Wiebe; singing of Pennsylvania German "spirituals" by Harvey G. Cressman (1880-1961), Mary Lizzie Derstine Cressman (1884-1967), I. Wilbur Lapp (1909-1995), and Isaac Clarence Kulp. | 49 | 10 |
| John E. Lapp (1905-1988), I. Wilbur Lapp, and Harvey Cressman (tape recorded by Ephraim Delp), no date. | 49 | 11 |
| Interview and singing of German hymns by Rein Gottshall, May 1967. | 49 | 12-13 |
| Singing of Brethren hymns by Rein Gottshall, no date ("Geduld" by Peter Becker, and Christopher Sower Jr's acrostic hymn). | 49 | 14 |
| Florence Baver dialect radio program--the "Pennsylvania Dutch Show" on WKEP, no date. | 49 | 15 |
| I. C. Kulp reading from his collection of folk cultural notes collected 1950-1968. | 49 | 16 |
| I. C. Kulp reading from John Theobald Faber's powwow book (recording is poor). | 49 | 17 |

Sub-Series A2. Cassettes

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| Eight-part lecture series given by I. C. Kulp at Longenecker's Brethren Meetinghouse (Lititz, PA) on the theme "Our Brethren Heritage", 1975. | 49 | 18-21 |
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Sub-Series A2. Cassettes.

| | Box | Cassette |
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| Goschenhopp Sing-Gemeinde singing from A. G. Clemmer's German-language appendix to the 1927 Mennonite <i>Church Hymnal</i> , no date. | 49 | 1-2 |
| Singing at Klein's Meetinghouse, Harleysville, PA, 5 October 1980. | 49 | 3 |
| "Nun Danket Alle Gott': Hymnody of the Pennsylvania Germans", talk given by Isaac Clarence Kulp at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA, 27 April 1981. | 49 | 4 |
| Pennsylvania German singing at Delp's Meetinghouse, Harleysville, 30 August 1981--I. C. Kulp, leader. | 49 | 5 |
| Interview with Ernest R. Clemens (1900-1997), recorded 1979; singing with plain people at Indian Creek Haven Farm, Harleysville, 31 August 1981. | 49 | 6 |
| Interview with Ruth Kraybill Souder (1889-1993) by I. C. Kulp, 1981-1982. | 49 | 7 |
| Goschenhopp Sing-Schieler at I. C. Kulp's home, Vernfield, PA, 25 January 1982. | 49 | 8 |
| Funeral of Bessie Gottshall Kulp, Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, Vernfield, 1986. | 49 | 9 |
| I. C. Kulp and John L. Ruth touring the Harley Burial Ground at Klein's Meetinghouse, 25 August 2000. | 49 | 10-11 |
| <i>Pennsylvania German (Dutch) Poems and Stories</i> by Ernie Bechtel, no date. | 49 | 12 |

Sub-Series A3. Compact discs

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| <i>Gedichde un Gschichde: Pennsylvania-German Poems and Stories with audience response</i> by Ernest G. Gehman, Harrisonburg, VA, 1979. | 49 | 13 |
| I. C. Kulp speaking at a money management conference at Line Lexington (PA) Mennonite Church, 1974. | 49 | 15 |

Sub-Series A3. Compact discs.**Arrangement note**

Copies of cassettes 49-7, 49-10 and 49-11.

Sub-Series A4. Phonograph records.

| | Box | Record |
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| 45 RPM record of John Birmelin poems: "Der Rumhocker Poem" and "ABC Poem", produced by the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, no date. | 49 | 1 |
| Three-record album (78 RPM)-- <i>Folksongs of the Pennsylvania Dutch</i> / sung and interpreted by J. William Frey (3-record album), produced by the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center, Franklin and Marshall College, no date. | 49 | 2-4 |

Series B. Visual/AV material.**Sub-Series B1. VHS cassettes.****Arrangement note**

One tape; private.

Sub-Series B2. Digital photo CDs

Sub-Series B2. Digital photo CDs.

| | Box | Disc |
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| Slides from the I. C. Kulp Photo Collection scanned to CD, 2007. | 50 | 1 |

Sub-Series B3. Digital video discs.

| | Box | Disc |
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| Isaac Clarence Kulp memorial DVD, compiled by Bud Gross for Kulp's burial and memorial services, August 2007. | 50 | 2 |
| I. C. Kulp, John L. Ruth and Alan G. Keyser examining and reflecting on items from Kulp's collections, recorded by Eugene Wampler, Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, 2001. A transcript is available. | 50 | 3-31 |

Sub-Series B4. Digital camcorder cassettes.**Arrangement note**

Original camcorder tapes for content on discs 50-3 through 50-31.

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