

# **Isaac Clarence Kulp papers**

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**Finding aid prepared by Forrest L. Moyer.**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Mennonite Heritage Center
<b>Creator</b>	Kulp, Isaac Clarence, 1938-2007
<b>Title</b>	Isaac Clarence Kulp papers
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<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1907-2007
<b>Extent</b>	19 linear feet ((19 boxes))
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Isaac Clarence Kulp (1938-2007) was an historian, antiquarian, and folk artist of Vernfield, Montgomery Co., PA. 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 <b>I. C. Kulp Papers</b> include personal and family manuscripts and correspondence, papers from his involvement in organizations and projects including the Goschenhoppen Historians (of which he was a founder), and papers related to his varied interests. The highlight of Mr. Kulp's papers are his historical and folklore diaries. During his active adult life, I. C. Kulp kept historical diaries in which he made notes about things told to him by local people regarding folklore, etc.</p>

## Administrative Information

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### Sponsor

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc..

### Family Name(s)

- Gottshall
- Kulp

### Form/Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Family papers
- Postcards
- Research notes
- Scrapbooks

### Personal Name(s)

- Kulp, Isaac Clarence, 1938-2007

### **Subject(s)**

- Folklore
- Fraktur art
- Pennsylvania German dialect
- Storytelling

## Series A. Notebooks

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**Collection Inventory**


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**Series A. Notebooks.****Journals and diaries, 1957-2006.**Box  
1-2**Fraktur, library, and personal records, 1950-1997.**Box  
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**Series B. Family papers.****Clarence G. and Bessie Gottshall Kulp papers.**Box  
4-5**Elizabeth Garges Gottshall papers.**Box  
4  
Folder  
23**Henry G. Gottshall musical compositions.**Box  
4  
Folder  
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**Series C. Personal papers.****Sundry papers and financial records, 1950-2007.**Box  
4  
Folder  
25-40**Childhood papers.**Box  
6  
Folder  
1-3**School papers.**Box  
7**Writings.**Box  
6  
Folder  
4-8**Biographical material.**Box  
6  
Folder  
9-11**Artwork. [see also oversized material].**Box  
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## Series E. Organization and project files

Correspondence, 1977-1995.	9	1-26
Correspondence, 1996-2006.	10	1-4
Greeting cards received.	10	5-14

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**Series E. Organization and project files.**

<b>American Folklife Society, 1973-1979.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	15
Maintained the Keim Homestead near Lobachsville, PA and held an annual Colonial American Cherry Fair.		
<b>Bethlehem '83, 1983.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	16
North American Mennonite adult and youth gatherings at Bethlehem, PA, 1983. I. C. Kulp was involved in a local meetinghouse tour.		
<b>Brethren Encyclopedia, 1978-1987.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	17
I. C. Kulp provided photos and some level of consultation for the Brethren Encyclopedia.		
<b>Brethren Genealogists of Southern Pennsylvania, 1979-1991.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	18
I. C. Kulp led Montgomery County (PA) tours for this group.		

A Brethren Pilgrimage

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<b><i>A Brethren Pilgrimage, circa 1976.</i></b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	19-20
I. C. Kulp edited and wrote for this publication. Original artwork by Leon Z. Moyer is in box 60, folder 1.		
<b>Brethren Revival Fellowship, 1960-1983.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	21
Conservative renewal movement in the Church of the Brethren.		
<b>Bucher's Meetinghouse, Cornwall, PA, 1964-1981.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	22
I. C. Kulp attended annual German language services at this Brethren meetinghouse built in 1871.		
<b>Christopher Dock Bicentennial, 1971.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	23
I. C. Kulp served on the Christopher Dock Bicentennial Commemoration Committee, curated a fraktur exhibit during the bicentennial celebrations and played the role of Dielman Kolb in the film <i>The Quiet in the Land</i> , created for this occasion. See also posters in file 58-11 and photos of exhibited fraktur in file 39-2.		
<b>Community Historians, Franklin and Marshall College, 1962-1966.</b>	Box	Folder
	10	24
<b>Delp's Meetinghouse (Herrehaus), Harleysville, PA, 1958-2004.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	25
I. C. Kulp was instrumental in the 1956-58 restoration of this Funkite/Herrite (Reformed Mennonite) meetinghouse built in 1811, and in the celebration of annual memorial services there over a forty year period. File contains		

**The Eden Story (Eden Mennonite Church, Schwenksville, PA)**

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programs, song sheets, promotional materials, correspondence, etc. related to the meetinghouse and services. For related photos, see files 39-3 and 41-11 and photos 41-9-9 and 46-17-1. Audio recordings of services in the 1950s and 1960s are in box 49.

***The Eden Story (Eden Mennonite Church, Schwenksville, PA), 1968.***

Box

Folder

**Biographical/Historical note**

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Drama celebrating the 150th anniversary of Eden Mennonite Church. I. C. Kulp helped produce the drama and played the role of Rev. William S. Gottshall.

***Fereinicht Pennsylvawnish Deitsch Fulk, 1962-1986.***

Box

Folder

**Biographical/Historical note**

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Pennsylvania German heritage society based in Berks County, PA. File consists primarily of the organization's newsletter *Da Ausauga*.

***Franconia Township, PA, 250th Anniversary, 1980-1981.***

Box

Folder

**Biographical/Historical note**

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I. C. Kulp was involved with numerous parts of the anniversary celebration, including historical dinners (for which he wrote commentary on PA German food), church tours and programs, and designing a new official seal for the township.

***Frick's Meetinghouse, Hatfield, PA, 1956-1991.***

Box

Folder

**Biographical/Historical note**

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29-30

For nearly thirty years, I. C. Kulp was involved in annual reunion meetings at this union meetinghouse built in 1882 for use by Mennonites, Brethren, and Brethren in Christ. File contains primarily programs for annual reunion meetings, but also a certificate of participation in singing school at Frick's Meetinghouse, July 9, 1978 (handdrawn by Bishop John E. Lapp). See file 39-5 for related photos.

## Gemeinschaft 1723

<b><i>Gemeinschaft 1723, 1976.</i></b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	31
<p>Manuscripts and typescripts for a play, <i>Gemeinschaft 1723</i>, written by I. C. Kulp, in commemoration of the organization of the Church of the Brethren in America, performed at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, Vernfield, PA in 1976. Kulp played the role of Peter Becker. See file 39-6 for related photos.</p>		
<b><i>Gemeinschaft I and II, 1973-1974.</i></b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	38
<p>Locally-held conferences on the theme of Christian community, with voices from across the Anabaptist spectrum. I. C. Kulp was a primary organizer, with John Ruth and Arthur Gish.</p>		
<b><i>German-American Tricentennial, 1983.</i></b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	32
<p>I. C. Kulp welcomed West German visitors to the Franconia, PA area. File contains programs, newsletters, etc.</p>		
<b><i>German Reformed Church in America, 250th Anniversary, 1975.</i></b>	Box	Folder
	10	33
<b><i>Goschenhoppin Historians.</i></b>		
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
<p>I. C. Kulp gave public talks on behalf of the Goschenhoppin Historians (see file 6-8), he was founder and first curator of the Goschenhoppin Folklife Museum, and founding editor of the Historians' folklife journal, <i>The Goschenhoppin Region</i>, 1968-1969. See also notebooks in box 1 and photos in file 39-7.</p>		
	Box	Volume
Notebooks, 1965-1968.	11	1-7

## Goschenhoppen Sing Schieler

General papers, 1964-2002.	11	1-7
<b>Board minutes, 1965-2007.</b>	11	8-14
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
I. C. Kulp served as secretary, 1966-1967.		
Correspondence, 1965-1992 (Bulk, 1965-1969) .	11	15-19
Goschenhoppen Folk Festival, 1967-2007.	11	20-22
Goschenhoppen Folklife Museum, 1965-1995.	12	1
<i>The Goschenhoppen Region</i> , 1968-1970.	12	2-4
<i>Goschenhoppen Region</i> manuscripts, 1968-1970.		13
Membership records, 1966-1968.	12	5-8
<i>The Goschenhoppen Newsletter</i> , 1964-2007.	12	9-11
Scrapbooks compiled by Eva Frank, 1965-1969. [oversized].	59	1-4
Scrapbooks compiled by Eva Frank, 1965-1969. [oversized].	63	4
<b>Goschenhoppen Sing Schieler, 1981-2003.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	34-35
Traditional singers led by I. C. Kulp. The group's home base was Klein's Meetinghouse, Harleysville, PA, where they led semi-annual song services (see file 12-27). This file contains financial records, programs, and original folk art invitations by I. C. Kulp (see also file 12-28). See file 39-8 for related photos and box 49 for audio recordings.		

## Grundsow Lodge

<b>Grundsow Lodge, 1975-2003.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	10	36

Pennsylvania German men's club; file contains programs for gatherings of various local chapters.

<b>Harley Memorial Association, 1957-2005.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	12	12-13

File contains primarily programs for the annual Harley Reunion held at Klein's Meetinghouse, Harleysville and later at Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, but it also includes correspondence and historical articles (see family history research file 16-25). I. C. Kulp was a descendant of the Harley family. See photo files 40-20 and 40-21, photos 58-19-1 and 58-19-3.

<b>Hecklerfest, 1976-1980.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	12	14

Annual folk festival held at Heckler Plains (the historic Freed/Heckler farm) in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, PA. See file 39-9 for related photos and poster in file 58-11.

<b>Heckler's <i>History of Harleysville and Lower Salford</i>, 1958.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	12	15

Subscription lists for a reprint of James Y. Heckler's *History of Harleysville and Lower Salford*, published privately by I. C. Kulp, Alan Keyser and Robert Bucher, 1958.

## Historic Foundation of Montgomery County (PA)

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<b>Historic Foundation of Montgomery County (PA), 1966-1968.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	12	16

Organization founded to provide direction and networking for historical work in Montgomery County. I. C. Kulp was involved early on through his work with the Goschenhoppen Historians.

### **Historic Schaefferstown.**

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

Historical society in Schaefferstown, PA that preserves and interprets the Pennsylvania German culture of southern Lebanon County and surrounding areas. I. C. Kulp was a visionary and founder in the early 1960s, and served as a board member and in roles and activities throughout the organization, including leadership of German language worship services at the annual Schaefferstown Folk Festival. See file 39-16 for related photos, box 54 for related postcards, and file 60-9 for a related poster.

	Box	Folder
General papers, 1960-2001.	12	17-18
Board minutes, 1964-1991.	12	19-20
Folk Festival religious services, 1968-1988.	12	21

<b>Historical Society of Montgomery County (PA), 1945-1990.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	12	22

I. C. Kulp held membership in this society, circa 1958-1965. File contains transcript of a slide presentation on "Meetinghouses of Montgomery County" that I. C. Kulp gave at a meeting of the Historical Society in 1977. Slides used in this presentation are in file 41-11; digital copies are on compact disc 50-1.

**Historical Society of Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley, 1967-2005 (Bulk, 1998-2005) .**

<b>Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture, 1958-1985 (Bulk, 1970-1974) . [oversized].</b>	Box 52	Folder 1-2
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**Biographical/Historical note**

Annual conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. I. C. Kulp participated several times, sometimes as a presenter.

*James E. Frill's Musick Book.***Biographical/Historical note**

I. C. Kulp at one time owned a manuscript tune book entitled "James E. Frill's Musick Book" that contained musical notation of the late 17th and early 18th centuries by Reading, Pennsylvania musicians including Henry Schoener and James Frill. I. C. Kulp loaned this manuscript to Irvin Rathman, who wrote a book on it (see bound manuscript below). A transcription of the music, edited by Carl Baron, was privately published in 2002 and by the Goschenhopp Historicalians in 2005.

	Box	Folder
Irvin Rathman research on the Frill music book.	12	24
Photocopy of the Frill music book.	12	25
Manuscript: <i>James Frill and His Friends and the Musical Life of Their Town</i> , by Irvin Rathman, 1984.	12	1

<b>Keystone Bible Institute, 1977-1998.</b>	Box 12	Folder 26
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**Biographical/Historical note**

Annual one-week seminar on biblical and church life themes, sponsored by the Mennonite Church. I. C. Kulp taught courses in 1982.

## Klein's Meetinghouse and Harley Burial Ground, Harleysville, PA

**Klein's Meetinghouse and Harley Burial Ground, Harleysville, PA.****Biographical/Historical note**

Brethren meetinghouse built in 1843 for the Indian Creek congregation. I. C. Kulp was visionary in restoring the meetinghouse from a state of bad disrepair, circa 1977. He was involved in annual memorial meetings, and the meetinghouse served as the home base for his Goschenhoppen Sing Schieler (see file 10-34), who led semi-annual song services there. For related photos, see files 39-11 and 41-11 and photos 39-8-3, 40-21-9, 41-9-9, 46-17-1 and 46-18-13.

	Box	Volume
General papers, 1939-2005.	12	27
Folk art invitations to song services at Klein's Meetinghouse, 1986-2002.	12	28
M. Therese Page watercolor (print) of Klein's Meetinghouse and Harley Burial Ground. [oversized].	58	4

**Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association, 1925-2006.**

Box	Folder
14	1-3

**Biographical/Historical note**

I. C. Kulp served on the executive committee for a number of years. This file includes executive committee and genealogical correspondence, as well as material from Warren K. Schlotterer, treasurer of the reunion in the late 1940s-early 1950s. See file 39-12 for related photos.

**Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 1961-1982.**

Box	Folder
14	4

**Lower Salford Historical Society, 1989-2006.**

Box	Folder
14	5-6

**Biographical/Historical note**

I. C. Kulp was a visionary and founder of this historical society for Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, PA, where Kulp was a resident. He served on the board of directors and the Bergey Mill Farmstead committee.

## Lower Salford Township Bicentennial Committee

File includes organizational documents, minutes, and material related to the celebration of Lower Salford's 250th anniversary in 1991. See also maps in oversize file 60-5.

<b>Lower Salford Township Bicentennial Committee, circa 1975.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	7

I. C. Kulp proposed a commemorative booklet on Lower Salford Township for the American Bicentennial.

<b>Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania, 1974-2006.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	8

I. C. Kulp had a close relationship with this organization. He was given a life membership in 1978. Over many years, he attended and demonstrated at the annual Apple Butter Frolic (see file 39-1 for related photos). In 1980, he allowed the MHEP to photocopy his historical collection; one set of copies was kept by MHEP and another was given to Kulp (see boxes 18 and 19). During this process, he sat on the Library and Heritage Center Committee. Kulp loaned artifacts and his own artwork to MHEP for exhibits (see files 4-30 and 8-4), and he donated his papers and historical collection to MHEP in 2006 (see files 4-25 and 4-42).

<b>Montgomery County (PA) Federation of Historical Societies, 1979-1981.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	9

Sponsored the publication of *Montgomery County: The Second Hundred Years*. I. C. Kulp wrote an article on the Church of the Brethren (pp. 1161-64).

<b>Montgomery County (PA) Historical Advisory Board, 1972-1976.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	10-11

I. C. Kulp was a member of this county board responsible for the administration of the Peter Wentz Farmstead, Worcester, and Sunrise Mill, Frederick. Plans for Sunrise Mill Park are in oversize folder 60-2.

## New Call to Peacemaking

<b>New Call to Peacemaking, 1980-1981.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	12
This was an initiative of the historic peace churches--Brethren, Friends and Mennonites. I. C. Kulp served on a speakers bureau.		
<b>Old Dry Road Farm, Wernersville, PA, 1977-1987.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	13
Living history farm museum of which I. C. Kulp was a visionary and founder. He served on the executive board for a number of years. File includes board minutes, newsletters, promotional material, etc.		
<b>Palatines to America, 1983.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	14
Genealogical society for descendants of colonial immigrants from the Palatinate. I. C. Kulp gave a lecture at the 1983 convention on early Schwenkfelder, Brethren and Moravian congregations in Pennsylvania.		
<b><i>Penn'a Du</i> documentary, 1982.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	15
Script for a German documentary on the Pennsylvania German ("Pennsylvania Dutch") people and dialect: <i>Penn'a Du...</i> , 1982. I. C. Kulp was a principal interviewee in the film.		
<b>Pennsylvania Folklife Society, 1957-2002.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	16-19
One of the first and most vital PA German folklife societies, founded by Alfred Shoemaker, Don Yoder and others in the 1950s. The organization published a model folklife magazine, <i>Pennsylvania Folklife</i> , and hosted the annual Kutztown Folk Festival. I. C. Kulp participated as an exhibitor and lecturer for many years, on behalf of himself, the Goschenhoppen Historians,		

**Pennsylvania German dictionary project**

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and the Pennsylvania German Studies program at Ursinus College (see file 14-27). See file 39-13 for related photos and oversize file 60-3 for I. C. and Bessie Kulp's 1965 display on "The Plain Sects of Montgomery County".

<b>Pennsylvania German dictionary project, 1965-1999.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	20-23

I. C. Kulp was a primary informant for C. Richard Beam's work in developing a Pennsylvania German-English dictionary.

<b>Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, 1956-1961.</b>	Box	Folder
	14	24

<b>Pennsylvania German Society, 1959-1987.</b>	Box	Folder
	14	25-26

<b>Pennsylvania German Studies, Ursinus College, 1974-1986.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	27

I. C. Kulp taught in this program under the leadership of Dr. William Parsons, especially in its extension at Kutztown Folk Festival. See also file 15-46.

<b>Pennsylvania Log House Society, 1973-1979.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	28

Organization formed by I. C. Kulp, Robert Bucher and others, with the goal of preserving early log houses, especially on the Charming Forge historic site in western Berks County.

<b>Price Family Association.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	29

I. C. Kulp was a descendant of the Price family. File contains copies of the Price family hymn and a history of the Abraham M. and Susan Alderfer Price family.

## Pricetown Meetinghouse, Pricetown, PA

<b>Pricetown Meetinghouse, Pricetown, PA, 1973-1982.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	30
<p>Oldest unaltered Brethren meetinghouse, built 1777. Maidencreek/Mohrsville Church of the Brethren maintains the meetinghouse and holds annual memorial services there. I. C. Kulp was involved in leading these services over a number of years. File contains primarily programs from services, but also some correspondence. See photos 39-8-1, 41-8-26 and 46-18-12.</p>		
<b>Salford Legacy, 1991.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	31
<p>Planning materials for a local history journal entitled <i>Salford Legacy</i>, 1991. I. C. Kulp, Robert Bucher and Richard Daub planned this journal on the tails of Lower Salford Township's 250th anniversary celebrations in 1991, but it was never published.</p>		
<b>Schleitheim Seminar, 1977.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	32
<p>Seminar held at Schleitheim, Switzerland to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the Schleitheim Confession of Faith. Initiative of the Historical Committee of the Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Heritage Committee. I. C. Kulp was invited to participate, but ultimately did not.</p>		
<b>Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsburg, PA, 1954-1960.</b>	Box	Folder
	14	33
<b><i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> playscript.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	1
<p>Script for a play, <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>, on the story of the hymn's origin. I. C. Kulp played the role of hymn author Franz Gruber.</p>		

## Social Security: Surviving the System documentary

<b><i>Social Security: Surviving the System</i> documentary, 1982.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	2
<p>Transcript of a radio documentary, <i>Social Security: Surviving the System</i>, aired on KYW News Radio, Philadelphia, PA, 1982. I. C. Kulp participated as a commentator on the Old Order approach to provision for the elderly.</p>		
<b>Souderton-Telford Ministerium, 1976.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	3
<p>I. C. Kulp served on a consultation committee in relation to the American Bicentennial.</p>		
<b>Teaching and speaking engagements, 1967-2004.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	4-5
<p>I. C. Kulp taught courses on Pennsylvania German history and culture at Cheltenham Township Adult School, circa 1967-1975; Methacton Continuing Education, circa 1976; and Souderton Area Community School, circa 1982-1989. He was engaged as a public speaker in numerous settings until 2004.</p>		
<b>Towamencin Historical Society, 1974-1975.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	6
<p>I. C. Kulp lectured for this township historical society in 1975.</p>		
<b>Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Society, 1974-1980.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	7
<b>The "Wisdom Table", 1993-1995.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	8
<p>Informal group of friends who met with I. C. Kulp, John Ruth and Alan Keyser at the Energy Station restaurant, Vernfield, PA on Tuesday mornings</p>		

## Series F. Personal interest files

for a number of years; sort of an ecumenical Pennsylvania German breakfast club. In the 1990s, the group held an annual Christmas banquet. File contains hand-drawn invitations by I. C. Kulp for the Christmas dinners, 1993-1995. See file 39-18 for related photos.

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**Series F. Personal interest files.**

<b>Amish.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	9

<b>C. Richard Beam.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	10

Pennsylvania German columnist known as "der Bischli-Gnippli," compiler of a Pennsylvania German-English dictionary, and head of the Center for Pennsylvania German Studies at Millersville University.

<b>Keith Brintzenhoff.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	11

Pennsylvania German musician and proprietor of Pennsylvania Dutch Hobbies, Kutztown, PA. File contains primarily catalogs of books available in his shop, 1982-1984.

<b>Lamar W. Bumbaugh.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	12

Lamar W. Bumbaugh (1910-1997)--book dealer at Barto, PA and founder of "Mountain Bummy's Herb Society," of which I. C. Kulp was a member. Kulp bought many valuable books from Bumbaugh over the years. File contains primarily book catalogs and Herb Society material.

## Abraham H. Cassel

<b>Abraham H. Cassel.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	14	34

Abraham H. Cassel (1820-1908)--I. C. Kulp modeled his persona after this well-known Brethren antiquarian and historian. Papers, photos, etc. from Cassel and his family are in the I. C. Kulp Historical Collection (see separate finding aid).

<b>Deborah Rahn Clemens.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	13

Essay on Evangelical and Reformed Church music by Deborah Rahn Clemens, 1991.

<b>Jacob C. Clemens.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	14

Jacob C. Clemens (1874-1965)--amateur historian and minister in the Plains Mennonite congregation, Hatfield, PA.

<b>Sandra Lee Cronk, dissertation on <i>Gelassenheit</i>.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	15-16

Manuscript dissertation, *Gelassenheit: The Rites of Redemptive Process in Old Order Amish and Old Order Mennonite Communities*, by Sandra Lee Cronk (1942-2000), Quaker author and co-founder of School of the Spirit at Pendle Hill retreat center, Wallingford, PA. Ms. Cronk had significant correspondence with I. C. Kulp (see boxes 9 and 10).

Falkner Swamp Reformed Church, Gilbertsville, PA

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<b>Falkner Swamp Reformed Church, Gilbertsville, PA.</b>	Box 15	Folder 17
<b>William Fetterman.</b>	Box 15	Folder 18
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Theatre scholar of New York, NY. The bulk of this file is a paper written by Fetterman on Pennsylvania German folk plays.		
<b>Robert Frost, poet.</b>	Box 15	Folder 19
<b>Nancy Kettering Frye, essay on Sarah Richter Major.</b>	Box 15	Folder 20
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Biographical essay on Sarah Righter Major (1808-1884), by Nancy Kettering Frye, 1997. Sarah Major was an early female preacher in the Church of the Brethren.		
<b>John F. Funk, "Journal of the Quincyville School".</b>	Box 15	Folder 21
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Transcription of Funk's "Journal of the Quincyville School, Montgomery Co., Pa....1855". John F. Funk (1835-1930) was a Mennonite church leader and pioneer in Mennonite publishing. This journal is from his years of teaching school as a young man.		

## German hymns

<b>German hymns.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	22-23
<b>German language worship.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	24
<b>Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Boyertown, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	25
Congregational directory for 1911.		
<b>Heidelberg Reformed Church, Schwenksville, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	26
Annual reports for 1902, 1907 and 1908.		
<b><i>Himmelsbriefen</i> (letters from Heaven).</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	27
Draft of an article on <i>Himmelsbriefen</i> , author unknown. I. C. Kulp was very interested in the traditional reverence for <i>Himmelsbriefen</i> among Pennsylvania Germans. For broadside examples of <i>Himmelsbriefen</i> , see oversize file 58-7.		
<b>Amos B. Hoover.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	28
Old Order Mennonite deacon and founder of Muddy Creek Farm Library, Denver, PA.		
<b>Alan G. Keyser.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	29
File contains articles written by Keyser. He and I. C. Kulp were close friends and historical associates.		

Michael S. Kriebel

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<b>Michael S. Kriebel.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	30

Contemporary fraktur artist.

<b>Abraham Lincoln.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	31

President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)--I. C. Kulp, particularly in his teenage years, was fascinated with Lincoln, not least because there was rumor of Lincoln having Brethren associations. See also newspaper clippings in boxes 21 and 63 and the Feb. 6, 1955 issue of *Horizons*, the Church of the Brethren youth periodical.

<b>Local politics, 1961-1981.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	32

<b>Stephen L. Longenecker, biography of the Christopher Sauers, 1980-1981.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	33-34

<b>Mennonites.</b>	Box	Folder
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<b>Richard P. Middleton.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	43

Pennsylvania German poet. File contains primarily verse written by Middleton, mostly in the form of humorous limericks, circa 1982-1983.

**Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Bally, PA**

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<b>Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Bally, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
	15	44

<b>New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church, East Greenville, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	45

Historical material and texts of sermons preached by Deborah Rahn Clemens, Antonio Villareal, and Thomas Marlin, 1995-2002.

<b>Old Goshenhoppen Church, Woxall, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
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<b>William T. Parsons.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	15	46

William T. Parsons (1923-1991)--chair of Pennsylvania German Studies at Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA. I. C. Kulp taught under Parsons in the Pennsylvania German Studies program (see file 14-27).

**Pennsylvania German dialect.****Related Archival Materials note**

See also files 14-15 and 14-20 through 14-23, notes and notebooks in boxes 1 and 2, map of Montgomery County with PA German place names in file 60-5, and PA German word game and card file in box 64.

	Box	Folder
<b>PA German dialect, general.</b>	15	47

**Scope and Contents note**

File includes manuscript word lists by I. C. Kulp and issues of *Pfälzer Heimatgruß*, 1971-1979.

PA German dialect worship services, 1959-1985.	15	48
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## Pennsylvania sites and tourism

<b>PA German dialect hymns and folk songs.</b>	15	49
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Some manuscript material by I. C. Kulp and others.		
PA German dialect plays, poetry, columns, etc.	15	50
<b>Pennsylvania sites and tourism, 1960-2000.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	1-3
<b>Quakers (Society of Friends).</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	4
I. C. Kulp maintained close relations with several Quakers and occasionally spoke to Quaker groups.		
<b>Recipes for food, soap, household remedies, etc.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	52
Significant amount of manuscript material.		
<b>Barbara Reimensnyder, interviews on powwowing.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16	5
Transcripts of oral interviews conducted by Barbara Reimensnyder in Union County, PA on the topic of powwowing and home remedies, 1976.		
<b>Rudy's Country Kitchen, Harleysville, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	6
I. C. Kulp ate breakfast at this family-owned restaurant for a number of years.		

## Alexander Schaeffer, account book transcription

<b>Alexander Schaeffer, account book transcription.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	7
Transcription of an Alexander Schaeffer account book, 1762-1768. Schaeffer founded Schaefferstown, PA, where I. C. Kulp was involved with folklife preservation and interpretation (see files 12-17 through 12-21).		
<b>Schwenkfelders.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	8-9
<b>Amos L. Seldomridge.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	10
Reformed minister at Old Goshenhoppen Church, Woxall, PA; involved with the Goschenhoppen Historians.		
<b>Shakers (United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing).</b>	Box	Folder
	16	11
<b>U. S. Census, 1930, Lower Salford and Towamencin Townships, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16	12
Facsimiles of census pages for Lower Salford and Towamencin Townships, Montgomery County, 1930, with a transcription of the Towamencin Township census.		
<b>Vernfield, PA.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	13
I. C. Kulp lived in Vernfield (Montgomery County) all his life. For photos related to Vernfield, see files 41-2, 41-3 and 41-7 through 41-14.		

## John Weaver, diary transcription

<b>John Weaver, diary transcription.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16	14

Typed transcription of the diary of John Weaver (1824-1904), September-December 1873. Photocopies of the original diary are in box 19, folders 25 through 39.

<b>William Woys Weaver.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	15

Horticulturalist and culinarian.

<b>Frederick S. Weiser.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	16

Frederick S. Weiser (1935-2009)--Lutheran minister, historian and fraktur scholar. File contains his article "Piety and Protocol in Folk Art: Pennsylvania German Birth and Baptismal Certificates," 1973.

<b>Don Yoder.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	16	17

Pennsylvania German folklorist and early leader in folklife studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

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**Series G. Catalogs.**

<b>Auction catalogs, 1958-2000.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16	18-21

Catalogs from Pennypacker Auction House, Reading, PA (1962-1984), Alderfer Auction Company, Hatfield, PA (1968-2000), Horst Auctioneers, Ephrata, PA (1982-1996) and others.

## Book catalogs

<b>Book catalogs, 1952-1996.</b>	Box	Folder
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16	22-24

Catalogs from the Weaver/Provident Bookstore and Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society book auctions, 1962-1982.

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**Series H. Research files.**

<b>Family history.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	25
<b>Historic architecture.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	26
<b>Pennsylvania Jewish history.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	27
<b>Plain culture.</b>	Box	Folder
	16	28

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**Series I. Photocopies.**
**Collected photocopies.**

	Box	Folder
Photocopies: documents and drafts related to bridges over the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek by the Alderfer/Groff mill, Lower Salford Twp., Montgomery Co.,PA, 1827-1860.	17	1
Photocopy: “ <i>Geistliche u. andächtige Lieder, aufgesetzt von Br. Johannes Preiss...</i> ,” 1753.	17	2

## Photocopies: Jacob Gottschall papers

Photocopy: Montgomery County Historical Society transcription of James Y. Heckler's 1892 <i>History of the Heckler Family</i> .	17	3
Photocopy: J. G. Henitsch apothecary record, Lancaster, PA, 1821-1834.	17	4
<b>Photocopies: maps.</b>	17	5
<b>Related Archival Materials note</b>		
See also oversize folder 60-5.		
Photocopies: letters from John B. and Sarah Young Moyer, Montgomery County, OH, to Jacob B. Mensch, 1862-1865. From the Mensch Collection at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville.	17	6
Photocopy: <i>Pennsylvania Town and Country-Man's Almanack</i> for 1764, printed by Christoph Saur, Philadelphia, PA, 1763.	17	7
Photocopy: "Ein neu Trauer Lied... Tod ist wieder kommen," printed for Jacob Schweitzer by J. Bauman, Ephrata, PA, 1828.	17	8
Photocopy: unidentified manuscript account book, ca. 1808-1896.	17	9
Photocopies: general historical material, ca. 1649-1975.	18	1
Photocopies: general historical material (undated).	18	2
<b>Photocopies: Jacob Gottschall papers.</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>	18	3-8
Jacob Gottschall (1769-1845) was a leading bishop in the Franconia Mennonite Conference in the early to mid 19th century. File includes some manuscript translation and interpretive work by I. C. Kulp and others, circa 1980. The original papers were at one time in Mr. Kulp's collection, but were sold.		

**Photocopies: I. C. Kulp Historical Collection**

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**Photocopies: I. C. Kulp Historical Collection.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

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Historical material (mostly manuscript) that is or was in the I. C. Kulp Historical Collection (see separate finding aid). These copies were made by the Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania in 1980.