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the time of her death, to Jacob because he was named after her husband.

John Kolle is presently carrying out the family tradition of farming. Originally composed of 173 acres, and 209 acres at the time, Jacob Keim willed it to his son Samuel in 1823, the Kolle farm stands now at 111 acres, and John rents close to 90 additional acres to meet his farming needs. He keeps approximately 70 to 100 head of steers and grows mostly corn and hay. Miriam, who keeps her hand in by tending the family's large vegetable garden and an abundance of flowers that adorn the property, recalls that in her childhood the original portion of the large barn bore the date 1796.

Association with the Harmonyville Church of the

Brethren which unjoins the farm has also been a tradition in the Keim and Kolle families, and in addition to his farming, John serves as the church's pastor. John's great, great grandfather, Samuel Keim, gave the property for the building of the church which was accomplished in 1880, and John's uncle was its pastor for 45 years before John.

Miriam explained that her move into the smaller house shortly after her husband passed away was in keeping with another family tradition. It seems to have been the custom, she explained, for the elder Keims to move into the little house in their later years, turning the large house over to the younger generation who had started married life in the little house.



The Bicentennial farm this week belongs to the Kolle family. Pictured from left to right they are Miriam Kolle; her granddaughter Christine, age seven; and Miriam's son John and his wife Bar-

bara. They are holding their two young daughters, Emily, four months old, and Laura, who is four years old.

## Manheim grads hold state FFA offices

MANHEIM - Two 1976 graduates of Manheim Central High School were recently elected to State Future Farmers of America offices. Ruby Ginder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ginder, Elizabethtown, R3, was elected state secretary and Earl Geib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Geib, Manheim, R4, was elected eastern regional vice president.

Although they are high school graduates, Ginder and Geib will continue as FFA members until the age of 21, and will hold their state offices until June, 1977. Of the eleven officers elected at the summer Convention, six are from the eastern region of Pennsylvania and three are from Lancaster County.

Some of the duties involved in the offices include attending two conventions - one at the Farm Show in Harrisburg in January and the other the FFA Activities Week at Penn State next June. This week the two will be attending an Officer's Training Seminar for Vocational Organizations, to be held in Harrisburg. They will also represent Pennsylvania at the National Convention in Kansas City in November. There is also the possibility that they will attend other state conventions as representatives of Pennsylvania. In addition, they will be responsible for attending approximately twenty chapter banquets and FFA functions during the coming year.

To apply for a state office an FFA member must have the Keystone Degree, earned under a leadership supervised farm program. Ginder and Geib received their Keystone Degrees in January at the Farm Show. Elections are then based on leadership activities, ability

of impromptu speaking, knowledge of parliamentary law, overall FFA activities, and interests and willingness to work.

Manheim has had two other state officers in the past ten years - Dale Hershey served as state treasurer in 1964-65 and Joe Lefever served as regional vice president in 1972-73.

Her Aunt Sylvania, Miriam recollected, spent her later years in the same house where Miriam now lives. Sylvania Penn Keim never married, Miriam said, and lived most of her life on the farm until she died in 1973 at the age of 102. A deep respect for history seems to be characteristic of the Keims and Kolles, and Sylvania was obviously no exception. Recalling how her aunt came by the name Sylvania Penn, Miriam explained that Sylvania, having been christened without a middle name, in time added the "Penn" herself, "because Sylvania Penn was the name of William Penn's daughter."



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