



NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

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1978 SPRING MEETING AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Ohio Chapter will present its Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 29, 1978, at the Ohio Historical Center Auditorium. The center is at the junction of I-71 and 17th Avenue. This is a full day event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. You will have an hour - from 9 to 10 a.m. to look at the genealogical books and forms display. The Registration Table will also open at 9 a.m.. Here you will pick up your name tags and your I.D. for the restaurant area. There will be a membership table where you can join or renew your membership for the coming year. A reminder to members: Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31. Dues may be raised June 1. Early renewal will save you money.

MORNING SPEAKERS AT 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m.

How many of us ancestry seachers have one or more stacks of papers, records, and forms that we haven't quite decided what to do with. Then one day we can't find the name of that great-great grandfather. It's in that stack somewhere - so, we decide to start a system. What system? Well, come and listen to Mrs. Rose Rombeiro explain simple record keeping for the individual searcher. Mrs. Rombeiro has German, Welsh, and Irish ancestors. She served in the U.S. Air Force, has been a secretary and computer programmer, has worked in the sales field, and is now selling real estate. She is a member of various organizations including genealogical and genealogy is her main hobby.

MR. LOUIS VOIGHT ON GERMANIC ORIGINS

Hear Mr. Voight give a clear exposition of the story of our tribal origins, the story of the people from which we have sprung. Do you know the Celts founded a field system that was the base for the development of agriculture of Western Europe? One of the results was feudalism which pervaded Europe for centuries. Born in Ohio, Mr. Voight received his BA from Wittenberg University at Springfield, a BD from the Hamma School of Theology at Wittenberg and his MA from the University of Chicago. 1976 was spent in sabbatical study of Lutheran Church life in the 17th century at the University of Gottingen. He is now librarian of the Hamma School with the rank of Associate Professor of Bibliography and is Archivist to the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. He has published, is a member of a number of societies and has traveled extensively in East and West Germany.

THEN TO LUNCH - SERVED TO YOU OR SERVE YOURSELF

Advance registration is \$5.00 but does not include lunch. Members have asked if they could use the food dispensing machines or "brown bag" it for lunch. Other members prefer the restaurant. As eating places are at some distance from the Center we, the Committee, decided to arrange lunch in three ways. The restaurant will serve table d'hote - no ordering from the menu. A nutritious lunch will be served - cup of hot corn chowder, roast beef sandwich, no grease or gravy, tossed salad with choice of dressing,

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sherbet & cookies, and a choice of coffee, iced tea, lemonade, or cider. All this for \$3.60 which includes tip and Ohio tax. You pay your waitress. If you want to eat in the restaurant - Colonel Crawford Inn - you MUST have a tag so that you won't have to pay an Ohio Village entrance fee. Be sure to mark the correct box on the registration form. You'll receive your tag with your "Hello" badge at the Registration Table.

For those using the food dispensers, these machines are on the upper level. There are tables and chairs and beverages are sold at the stand. This area may also be used by those who are "brown bagging" it. Please mark the right box on the registration. We wish to avoid mixups.

1 p.m. - THE FEATURED AFTERNOON SPEAKER

As German immigrants arrived on the Western shores of the Atlantic, some tended to stay near where they had arrived. Others fanned out in groups or in individual families. What were the motivations? Ethnic, religious, political? This and much more will be discussed by Dr. La Vern Rippley from the German Dept., St. Olaf College, Minnesota. Dr. Rippley will be on "home" ground here. He received his MA from Kent State and his PhD from the Ohio State University. He was a Fulbright Scholar spending a year in Munich. He taught three years at Ohio Wesleyan before accepting the chairmanship of the German Dept. at St. Olaf. At present he is a professor of German there. By the way, he is a descendent of German ancestors of Baden. The Rippleys left Baden for America in the 19th century and settled in Wisconsin where Dr. Rippley was born. He is author, translator and editor of several books. Among them "The Columbus Germans" 1968, "German Ways" 1970, "Russian-German Settlements in the United States" 1974, and "The German-Americans" 1976. He is the author of over 60 book reviews and more than 50 articles. He has visited German-speaking countries many times and spent a sabbatical in Austria.

60 MINUTES OF RELAXATION

We tend to see our ancestors in one dimension because when we are searching we see dates of births, marriages, and deaths. We would like to see them in three dimensions. What did they do besides work, sleep, and eat? Most went to the markets under the castle walls or wandered through the town on Fall Fair days, bent an elbow or two, watched dancers and jugglers or listened to the playing and singing of a meistersinger or a few musicians. A select few, living in the larger towns, listened to baroque music in the 17th and 18th centuries. We thought you would like to hear some of that music - vocal and instrumental. We talked with Dr. Martha Maas at the Ohio State University School of Music. The result: today, April 29, Dr. Maas will present the Collegium Baroque Ensemble for an hour of music from 2 to 3 p.m.

RESOURCE PERSONS FOR YOUR QUESTIONS

For one hour, 3 to 4 p.m., you can discuss your genealogical problems and direct your questions to our Resource Personnel: Mrs. Annette Burgett, Pennsylvania; Dr. Arta Johnson, Surnames; Dr. Helen Wikoff, ancestry charts; Dr. Geart Droege, surname derivations; Mr. Ernest Thode, translations and German sources for inquiry and research (ask him about special translation rates for members of Palatines to America).

And then we close at 4 p.m.

EARLY RESERVATIONS, PLEASE

Last Fall we had to turn away many people because of lack of seating. For this meeting we are in the auditorium where there is comfortable seating for over 200. We do ask you to mail your reservation as early as possible (to Martha Agler - see the reservation form on next page) because we must know how many will have lunch in the

restaurant. Our deadline is April 20. Your envelope containing your reservation and payment must be postmarked no later than April 20. We will accept reservations after April 20th as well as at the door BUT we cannot guarantee you a seat in the restaurant.

THE PRICE?

\$5.00 per person in advance and \$6.00 at the door on April 29th. Remember, lunch is not included in the price.

Come! Bring your notebooks, pens, pencils, and your questions and your yearning to learn!

There is a program on the last page. Keep it and bring it with you on April 29th.

See the last page for your reservation form. Mail it today with your payment!

TOURS TO GERMANY THIS YEAR

If you want to hear more about the trips to Germany sponsored by the Palatines to America be sure to see Mrs. Martha Agler during the 3 to 4 p.m. period. She will be too busy at the Registration Table to discuss trips before that hour. There are spaces left.

BY THE WAY

We are presenting Volume III of HETRINA (lists of Hessians who

served in the American Revolution) through the good offices of Herman Radloff of the St. Louis Genealogical Society and a copy of "Records of Pastoral Acts at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church", New Holland, Pennsylvania, to the library of the Ohio Historical Society. These volumes will be available to genealogists.

HELP! HELP WANTED

We need members who can devote some of their time (spare or non-spare) to help in development of the Ohio Chapter. Such as? Program committee members and chairman or chairperson; communication, i.e., telephone committee; newsletter assistants; typists. Can you spare your time? Phone Montford Schaffner, 253-3911 or write him at 1799 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio 43203 and tell him of your area of interest. He'll put you to work.

MARBURG CELEBRATES THE BICENTENNIAL

While we were celebrating our American Bicentennial in 1976 in our country, a similar celebration took place in Marburg, Germany. The Hessian State Archives issued the last of the HETRINA volumes and a bicentennial calendar. Ask Montford Schaffner about the HETRINA and the calendar.

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Program - April 29, 1978

Meeting in Auditorium of Ohio Historical Center, I-71 & 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.
See Ohio Chapter NEWSLETTER for details regarding speakers, events, and lunch.

- 9 a.m. Registration; pick up tags. Late comers register. See display of genealogical books and forms.
- 10 a.m. Mrs. Rose Rombeiro; Record keeping for the individual ancestry searcher.
- 11 a.m. Mr. Louis Voight speaking on our Germanic origins.
- 12 Noon Lunch (See Ohio Chapter NEWSLETTER for details.)
- 1 p.m. Dr. La Vern Rippley speaking on German-Americans.
- 2 p.m. Dr. Martha Maas presents the Collegium Baroque Ensemble - instrumental and vocal music of the 17th and 18th centuries.
- 3 p.m. Resource persons available for discussion:
- Mrs. Annette Burgett - Pennsylvania source materials
 - Arta Johnson, PhD - Surnames
 - Helen Wikoff, PhD - Ancestry charts
 - Mr. Ernest Thode - Translations
 - Geart Droege, PhD - Meanings and origins of surnames
 - Harold Van Treese - Books and forms display
- 4 p.m. Closing

ADVANCE REGISTRATION
\$5.00 each

Send to Mrs. L. DeWitt Agler, 2000 W. Third Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ Registrations
Make checks payable to Palatines to America

Also, I have checked my lunch preference below:

- Reserve lunch for _____ persons. (I pay the waitress)
- I will use the food dispensing machines.
- I will provide my own lunch.

Please circle: Ms., Miss, Mrs., Mr., Mr. & Mrs.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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