



## NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

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### AUF WIEDERSEHEN!

To the 26 members of the Palatines as they leave on their trip to the Palatinate and adjacent lands on the 31st of July. Divided into two flights - from Chicago and New York - the 26 travelers will meet in Luxembourg on August 1 with their tour guide, Dr. Delbert Gratz, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. In Luxembourg the group will pick up their motorbus and start their tour south through Alsace, Burgundy, cross to Basel, Switzerland. From there the group will continue north on the east side of the Rhine. Stopovers will be made at various places and side trips taken to small towns and villages. On August 21 the members will once again be in Luxembourg to board their plane for home. A few will remain to take other side trips before returning home.

Another trip to the Palatinate may be offered in 1979. You'll read about it in the NEWSLETTER.

### OOPS! OOPS!

These "OOPS!" are for the several boo-boos that happened during our meeting on April 29. Members and guests who had paid in advance registrations were moved too slowly through the line to the auditorium. And, more time should have been allowed for lunch. It's a bit of a walk from the main building of the Ohio Historical Center to the restaurant, we agree. For future meetings all those who have reserved and paid

in advance will have their admission and lunch tickets mailed to them. With little difficulty a large crowd will be moved into the auditorium rather quickly. Also, more time for lunch will be given, probably 1 1/2 hours. Even with slip ups our program was very well received. Our efforts are encouraged by the large crowd.

Be sure and mark November 4, 1978, on your calendar. That is the Saturday of the Fall meeting of the Ohio Chapter. No football game at the Ohio Stadium that day which means less heavy traffic, more rooms available at motels, less crowded restaurants, and ample parking. You'll read details in your next NEWSLETTER.

### COMMENTS

Remember the 3 x 5 cards you turned in at the last meeting? Among them were very good suggestions for future meetings. For example, handouts by speakers. Handouts to contain high points of the talks and a bibliography where possible.

A surname exchange is suggested. Members should see the "Immigrant" and national newsletter. A QUERY column in the NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter should be helpful.

A member suggested a program on Palatine immigrations after 1850. The Palatine Trade ended by the close of the 18th century - the French Revolution and continental wars caused this. Of course, people

emigrated from Germanic areas in the 19th century, but this migration differed from previous ones. For background information there are several very good general histories concerning the century.

All comments are more than welcome.

#### NATIONAL MEETING

The Ohio Chapter was well represented at the national meeting June 16 and 17 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. There was a three-hour social session on the 16th, followed by an all-day meeting on the 17th. Ohio Chapter members met with the new Ohio Chapter president, Mrs. Martha Agler, and discussed future plans for the Chapter. The tour group met with Dr. Delbert Gratz, the tour director. The new national constitution was adopted and new members were voted for the National Council during the business session closing the meeting. New National Executive Council members are Margaret Dieringer, Ohio, National Secretary; James May, Indiana, National Treasurer; Dorothy Paul, Indiana, National Member Registrar; and Dr. John Fritchey, Pennsylvania, member-at-large.

#### A QUERY COLUMN?

We are considering publishing a QUERIES column in the Ohio Chapter NEWSLETTER as a service to members.

Following is the proposed style:

##### SAMPLE QUERY

BLOWEN-BIGGS - Seek ancestor of Johann Blowen and wife Gretchen Biggs. Johann b 1812 Oh, Gretchen ca 1814 Conn. Children b ca 1832 Oh and 1834 Oh. Resided Chillicothe Oh until 1852.  
Mrs. McDonald Staffen, RD 16,  
Glenwood, California 00204

The proposed charge is \$1.50 per query containing up to 40 words, each abbreviation and date considered one word. Additional words over the 40-word limit would be .10 ¢ each word. Queries would have to be received 20 days before publication, i.e., September 10 for the October issue; December 10 for the January issue; March 10 for the April issue; June 10 for the July issue. Are you interested? Then tell the editor. With your reply send SASE for a reply giving you starting date and a sample query to guide you in ordering. Send reply to: EDITOR, 1799 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio 43203.

#### NEW REPRINTS

The NEWSLETTER is considering reprinting a history "The Columbus Germans" by La Vern J. Rippley, Ph.D. This is a well-written softback on local history, well documented, and has an elaborate bibliography which should be helpful to any searcher of genealogical history. If you are interested in obtaining a copy for yourself or genealogical friends, let the editor know. The number of requests received will determine whether or not we spend money for reprinting. Copies to members should be approximately \$5.50 each, plus postage.

#### BOOKS FOR ANCESTOR HUNTERS

Several books have been published this year which should be valuable for researching. We also found one that was published in 1976 that has received little notice.

"Ohio Genealogical Guide", "Ohio COUNTY Genealogical Guides", and "Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index", a county guide. These three are published by Carol Willsey Flavell, C.G., 1978, 4649 Yarmouth Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

"County by County in Ohio Genealogy" has been revised this year by the genealogy staff of the State Library of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. For information write the Genealogy Section of the State Library of Ohio at Columbus.

"Underfoot, An Everyday Guide to Exploring the American Past" by David Weitzman, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Highly recommended as a method source.

#### HELP YOURSELF

You can help build your Genealogical Society by participating in three ways, in two of three ways, or in one way. You help yourself by helping the Palatines grow - when the Society grows it will be able to offer you more services and additional programs.

#### FIRST

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 1978-1979 year - send your \$6.00 now. Use the renewal form on page 4. Complete instructions are contained in the form. Don't miss the "Immigrant" with its informative articles and surname list.

#### SECOND

You can help the Ohio Chapter Executive Council and the program chairperson by suggesting programs

that will help you gather information for your genealogical research, that will deepen your knowledge as to how to research and assemble the information you gather. And how to write or put your information into written form. Look at the form on the last page. There you will find a list of suggested seminars and workshops and a place for your suggestions or remarks. Fill it in and send it to the editor. Send SASE (business size envelope, please) with your reply and we'll send you a tip sheet; reminders to aid you in your ancestor search. Note, this offer expires September 1, 1978.

#### THIRD

Volunteer for committee work. Do you have a small bit of time to give to your Society? Your effort, no matter how small, is welcomed.

Committees that have formed or are in the formative stage are Program, Publicity, NEWSLETTER, Research, Membership, Workshop, Seminar, and Telephone. Or suggest a new committee and be appointed chairperson. Send in the form after you fill it out. See page 4. You'll have a prompt reply.

Whatever you do, do something for yourself and your Society. By doing at least ONE of the three suggestions above you will help us all grow.

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## PALATINES TO AMERICA

Membership renewal: one year \$6.00; June 1 to May 31

Enclosed is \$6.00 for a one-year renewal of my membership in Palatines to America.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail this form with your \$6.00 check to: Editor,  
 1799 East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203)

Suggested Programs for OHIO CHAPTER  
 Palatines to America

I suggest the Executive Council consider the following workshops or study groups for the coming year:

- Reading German Script  
 Beginning German (Conversation)  
 Brushup German (Conversation)  
 How to Write My Story (now that I have  
 all the material)  
 Others, which are \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an SASE. Please send tip sheet to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## VOLUNTEER FORM

I have a few hours each month that I can give to the OHIO CHAPTER for committee work. I prefer the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program    | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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