



NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

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FALL CONFERENCE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

On Saturday, November 4, we will have our Fall Conference. We will present as the featured speaker Dr. Don Yoder, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Yoder's several dozen research trips to Germany and Switzerland have made him an authority on European backgrounds of the 18th century German and Swiss emigration to North America. His teaching, writing, and publication have made his reputation as one of the foremost scholars working in Pennsylvania-German history, ethnography, and genealogy.

Dr. Yoder received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. For the past twenty-two years he has been at the University of Pennsylvania and is now Professor of Folklore Studies and Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies.

Many articles on 18th century emigrants to North America by Dr. Yoder have appeared in folklife and genealogical magazines.

Articles by him on emigration to Pennsylvania from Wurttemberg, County of Lowenstein-Wertheim, Canton Schaffhausen, and Duchy of Zweibrucken have been published in yearbooks of the German Folklore Society.

Dr. Yoder will talk with us about problems and resources in Pennsylvania-German genealogical research. A question and answer

period will follow. Dr. Yoder would like the audience to submit written questions during the morning session. Genealogical and historical questions pertaining to his subject as well as questions on Southwest Germany and Switzerland. Write your questions and your name and turn them in at the rostrum before the first session begins or during a time break.

WHEN AND WHERE WE'LL MEET

We will meet on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Ohio Historical Center. The Center is located at the junction of I-71 and 17th Ave., Columbus. A display of genealogical books and forms will be in the lobby. The Registration and Membership Tables will open at 9:00 a.m.

CHANGES IN REGISTRATION

Please see the program and Advance Registration Form on the separate insert. Early registrants should mail their applications and checks no later than October 21. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope and your admission ticket and sticker badge will be returned to you. If you order catered lunch, a lunch ticket will be sent also. By mailing you your tickets we prevent congestion and waiting at the Registration Table. You won't have to stop there. Stick on your badge, present your ticket and go in.

CHANGES IN LUNCH
AND LUNCH TIME

We offer a catered lunch in the Conference Room for \$3.75 including tip. Because of space limitations we can accept only 110 reservations. There will be two sittings of 55 persons each sitting. Of course you will be able to buy your lunch in the Ohio Village restaurant, at the lunch bar in the Center or you may bring your own, if you prefer or miss reserving early.

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - a full two hours. The menu for the catered lunch is baked chicken, escalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and butter, pie, and choice of coffee or iced tea.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN
REGISTRATION

Although the catered lunch is the same price - \$3.75 - to both members and non-members, there is a change in the price of registration. Advance registration is \$6.00 each for members and \$8.00 each for non-members. Registration AND catered lunch is \$9.75 for members and \$11.75 for non-members.

Registration on November 4 is \$7.00 each for members and \$9.00 each for non-members. Members save a dollar by registering in advance. We will accept registrations dated after October 21 and on meeting day, but we cannot guarantee a catered lunch.

WELCOME TO
MEMBERS

At 9:30 a.m. Martha Agler, President of the Ohio Chapter and Ralph Waite of the Ohio Historical Center will greet the audience and the program chairman Ernest Thode, will be introduced.

TWO MORNING
SPEAKERS

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Berndt H. Gros will speak on how an immigrant from the Rhineland looks at America. He will be followed by Rev. Harvey Harsh telling how Americans view the Rhineland.

Mr. Gros came to the United States in his early youth. He comes from Karlsruhe and now lives in Columbus. He is a descendent of Huguenots who fled from France to Switzerland about 1390.

Rev. Harsh lives in Indiana. He is a founder of the Indiana Chapter and is vice-president of the National Executive Council. He will give highlights of the tour this past August sponsored by our Society.

ON TO LUNCH
FROM 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This two-hour period should give ample time to eat, browse at the book tables, meet and talk with friends and other members. You may turn in your questions also at this time.

If you decide to eat in the restaurant in the Ohio Village, you must have a tag to enter the Village in order to avoid paying an entrance fee. You'll receive your tag at Registration.

There are tables and chairs on the upper level of the main building for those who buy their lunch at the lunch stand and for those who bring their own.

PLEASE BE IN YOUR SEATS
BY 1:30 p.m.

At that time Dr. Don Yoder will discuss Pennsylvania-German genealogical research problems and sources. A question and answer period will follow.

RESOURCE PERSONS FOR
YOUR QUESTIONS

From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. you can discuss your genealogical problems and direct your questions to resource persons: Mrs. Ruth Allen, Pennsylvania Surnames; Dr. Arta Johnson, Palatines to America Surname Index; Dr. Helen Wikoff, 4 generation charts; Dr. Geart Droege, Meanings and Origins of Surnames; and Mr. Ernest Thode, Consultation on Research.

And then we close at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: A reminder that there is a program and Advance Registration Form on a separate sheet. Fill in and mail your Reservation Form with your check and self-addressed stamped envelope. Keep the program to bring with you on November 4.

A GERMAN-AMERICAN
RESEARCH WORKSHOP

On December 2 the Ohio Chapter and the Franklin County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will co-sponsor a German-American Research Workshop. The meeting will be on a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in German Village at Schmidt's Sausage Haus und Restaurant, 240 East Kossuth St., Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Robert E. Ward, genealogical researcher, will conduct two sessions. One from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the second from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. There will be a buffet at noon and door prizes at 3:30 p.m.

As space is limited, only the first 175 persons to register by November 18 will be accepted. Reservation includes lunch for \$10.00. There is a map, detailed instructions and a reservation form on the extra insert with this NEWSLETTER.

Send your registration and check to Mrs. Mary Piton, 3201 Morningside Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43202.

Dr. Robert E. Ward is a well-known speaker on German genealogical research. He has a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and a J.D. from the University of Akron. He is a practicing attorney and editor-in-chief of The Journal of German-American Studies, published quarterly in Cleveland, Ohio.

PALATINES TO AMERICA
TOUR OF THE RHINELAND

Twenty-eight persons, including sixteen members of our organization (8 from the Ohio Chapter) spent three weeks on a tour sponsored by our Society. They visited Alsace, Switzerland, and Southwest Germany with stops at archives in important cities in these areas. The tour leader was Dr. Delbert Gratz, librarian for the Mennonite historical library at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. Dr. Gratz is well acquainted with many people and archivists in the places the tour visited.

Mennonite families in Stuttgart and Wiererhof were overnight hosts to the group. The Burgermeister at Landau held a reception for the tour members. Noted painter Fraulein Marie Shieffler arranged a press interview which resulted in a long article in Die Rheinpfalz Zeitung, a local newspaper.

In addition to Alpine scenery, visits to villages where ancestors of some of the tour members had lived, meeting people and gathering genealogical information, tour members learned some basics in research. An ancestor hunter must be able to associate a given name and surname with a parish or town and within a narrow time period. Then with this information an archivist will be able to assist in locating other vital information such as, birth, baptism, marriage and death

records. They also learned another important essential is the ability to converse in either or both German and French languages.

All members of the tour agreed that the tour was "Four Star".

QUERIES

We have decided not to publish queries in the NEWSLETTER. The national newsletter and the "Palatine Immigrant" have a wider circulation. Queries on the national level will be of greater benefit to our members.

RESPONSES TO OUR REQUESTS

We had a number of replies to our request for suggestions for workshops, seminars and programs. The greatest number requested a course in conversational German. The next

largest was for a workshop on "How to Write My Story." A lowly third was on reading German script.

We will work on producing a course or courses in conversational German. We have outlined a course series, texts to be used, costs, etc. When we progress to the place where we can offer such courses, we'll write you. If you have suggestions, send them to the editor.

"How to Write my Story" may follow right behind a German course or be scheduled at the same time. We'll wait and see.

We have a number of members who have volunteered for work on various committees. As we progress we'll ask for more. We do need members who can work on four-generation charts and on the Ohio Chapter NEWSLETTER. Any offers? We can't hear unless you speak.

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