

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

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State Library of Ohio End Services

After many years, the GENEALOGY SERVICES AT THE STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO ARE ENDING COMPLETELY as of April 19, 2007.

The entire genealogy collection is being moved to the main location of the Columbus Metropolitan Library at 96 South Grant Avenue on the east side of downtown Columbus (near Grant Hospital).



The collection will be available for use there BEGINNING APRIL 25. They will provide in-the-library access to the same online genealogy services.

Some advantages of the new location are:

- **Extended Hours** -- The new location is a public library that includes evening and weekend hours.
- **Larger Staff** -- The new location has over three times the number of staff working in the Genealogy area.
- **A Larger Budget** to add material to the collection.

Beginning April 25, 2007, here is the contact information for Genealogy services:

Columbus Metropolitan Library
Genealogy, History and Travel
Attn: Genealogy
96 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215

614-645-2275 (ask for Genealogy)

E-mail: history@columbuslibrary.org

Web site: www.columbuslibrary.org

Der Tisch die Dame

Spring is here and although Ohio has seen a pretty rough winter, it is great to see the sun shining again. The flowers are beginning to show their faces. A great time to schedule those research trips.

I hope everyone will take advantage of the National Conference in Morgantown, WV. If you are researching ancestors that may have passed through this area the university is a great library for research. Of course, the workshops will be very helpful with your research. Roger Minert will be giving new lectures from his most recent studies on German research. And our own editor, Joanne Ryder with her husband, will help you learn about getting around the Internet. (Be sure to mention how much you have enjoyed her work as editor of the Heritage.)

The chapter board will hold its yearly planning meeting in July. We will discuss future plans for the chapter. Please send us your remarks and suggestions as to how we can best serve you. You will find the board members listed on the back page of the newsletter. If you would be interested in attending this business meeting let me know.

Everyone who attended the Spring Seminar is aware of our Membership Drive. We are asking everyone to pass the word on. Talk up the organization in your casual meetings with folks you meet during your research. The office is more than willing to give you brochures to post during those library visits. Call us and we will see you get them in the mail. This is a must if we want to keep Pal-Am alive. **We need your help!** All organizations are having membership drops, including Pal-Am. Remember, the Internet is not the only answer to research. Our library, seminars, and conferences all benefit you in Researching German Speaking Ancestors.

The Ohio Chapter will be busy planning for the 2008 national conference. Please say yes, if you are asked to help with the conference. If you are not contacted, let someone know that you will be willing to help. There is a lot of work that goes into the planning of the conference.

Happy Researching

Mary Hess

Chapter President

“BRIEFKASTEN”

Send your comments or suggestions by e-mail. Let your board know what you expect or need from the Ohio Chapter. Include your membership number. You can send to anyone listed on the back of the newsletter.

Remember to stop in at the Ohio Chapter website (www.oh-palam.com) to keep up with what is happening within the Chapter and the members. Check out the Calendar of events.

WILKOMMEN! To the Ohio Chapter of Pal Am!

By Jean Hall, Membership Registrar

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been added to the Ohio Chapter Membership roster.

NAME CITY

California

LIVINGSTON, MIKELA RIDGECREST

Connecticut

HANSEN, J NEW HARTFORD

Ohio

DONNER, ARVIN COLUMBUS
 DONNER, CAROLINE COLUMBUS
 DRUMMOND, JAYE SPRINGFIELD
 FISHBAUGH, THOMAS GREEN SPRINGS
 FLAUST, LEEANN COLUMBUS
 GILBERT, M/M KENNETH COLUMBUS
 LIFF, JOYCE MT STERLING
 LEININGER, SUSAN COLUMBUS
 NOBLE, JOHN WESTLAKE
 PALLAS, DAVID COLUMBUS
 SPRIGGS, PATRICIA GROVE CITY

Michigan

KELLY, NANCY FENTON

Pennsylvania

STASIK, CAROL PITTSBURGH
 STASIK, MICHAEL S PITTSBURGH

Texas

PENDLETON, BOB SAN ANTONIO
 PENDLETON, ELSA SAN ANTONIO

West Virginia

TEANEY, RICHARD FAYETTEVILLE

Deceased member

LITTLE, JOAN
 2 FEB 2007
 COLUMBUS OH

TOTAL MEMBERS: 595



Award Certificates Presented

Four framed certificates were presented at the April Seminar to Palatine members who were honored for their dedication and efforts to the furtherance of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America.

CERTIFICATE OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

John Mangus

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Joanne D. Ryder
 Nancy and Ted Karchner
 Dr. Richard Hartle, M.D.

Thank you... and Welcome!

A special "thank you" to Allan Wiant for his time as a trustee on the Ohio Chapter Board. We are sorry to see you leave.

Welcome to Daniel McDonough for volunteering his time to fulfill the trustee position vacated by Allan. Daniel is from Springfield, Ohio and has been a member for several years. You can always see him at the chapter seminars. Welcome Dan.

Germanic Influence on Early Education

By Chester C. Winter

Early education of children was strongly influenced by our German ancestors. Emphasis on development of the child's mind as early as possible in the home and more formally in schools was receiving recognition in Europe as early as the 1600's.

Three individuals are recognized today as being the forerunners of early education for children.

- John Amos Comenius, a Czechoslovakian educator in the seventeenth century, urged schools for children between ages 3 and 5.
- The French philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau wrote about drawing out knowledge that is already in children using nature as a source of inspiration.
- Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, a Swiss reformer, founded schools for young children in the late eighteenth century. He believed young children had an innate desire to learn. His thesis laid the foundation of modern elementary education.

From 1808 to 1810 German educator Friedrich Froebel studied and worked with Pestalozzi, learning the principles of natural education in lieu of books and didactic teaching. He is credited with starting the first *kindergarten* in 1837 in Blankenburg, Prussia.. The term for this type of school translates literally as "*children's garden.*" The idea was introduced that children were able to grow intellectually as freely as plants in a natural setting. Allowing children to play was frowned upon by many of the hard working peasants. It was a common custom to wait until the age of seven before introducing formal schooling, and then to terminate it between ages ten and fourteen.

We are aware of efforts by German immigrants to introduce "head start" programs in America. Some newcomers brought to this country the belief that programs should be introduced early in life, learning numbers, the alphabet, reading, colors, plants, animals, holidays, about their bodies, their families and communities. Children listened to stories read aloud, used sets of geometrical shaped objects, made art projects, participated in skits and dramatic productions. They were encouraged to use their own initiative in experimentation, investigation and expression. The goal was to give children a strong foundation for the development of social skills, motivation and the process of knowing.

Kindergarten would emphasize creative play, social interaction and natural expression. Froebel also believed kindergartens, for children between the ages of 3 and 6 could elevate the status of mothers and children. He was especially concerned about the negative aspects of the industrial revolution on children and education.

Froebel's ideas were considered too liberal and radical by the Prussian government. It banned kindergartens and burned his books after the failed revolution of 1848. Froebel died in 1852 before this government ban was lifted in 1860. Fortunately, Froebel had many admirers and followers who preserved and advanced his educational philosophy.

Margarethe Meyer Schurz, wife of German revolutionary leader, U. S. Senator, Cabinet member and political reformer Carl Schurz, introduced the first kindergarten in the United States in 1856 in Watertown, Wisconsin. It was conducted in the German language for German immigrants.

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The first English speaking kindergarten in this country was started by Elizabeth Peabody in Boston in 1860. She invited German teachers experienced in Froebel's methodology to come to America to staff her schools.

In 1873, the first free kindergarten was established in the St. Louis public school system. The number of such schools in that city increased to sixty in twelve years.

During this Progressive Era, free kindergartens was a main objective of women's and other social movements. They were adopted by settlement houses such as Jane Addams' Hull House in Chicago. They were used not only to teach children but to instruct mothers in utilizing singing, dancing, games and household objects in nurturing their children.

By 1885, there were 565 private kindergartens serving 29,716 students in the United States. From the seeds of such early educational efforts sprouted the formation of parent-teacher associations (PTA's).

The idea of beginning the education of children as early as possible is firmly rooted in the United States. Some parents feel reading to their newborn is not too early to begin their education. Regardless, it helps bonding between the infant and parents. Activities to instill physical, moral and intellectual principles in our children as early as feasible are to be cherished and burnished. We want our children to develop self-esteem and self-expression as well as to be inquisitive, creative and know how to solve problems. We owe a debt of gratitude to our German forebearers who brought *Kindergarten* to the United States.

The author acknowledges help from several encyclopedias. The author's latest book, *A Concise History of Columbus and Franklin County*, although completed, is being fine tuned for printing early in 2007.

Gift of Art Projector

Ohio Chapter member Carol Stein has generously donated an Autograph Model 100AG art projector in very good condition to the PalAm National Library with full access available to the Ohio Chapter.

This compact, easy-to-use machine will do the job of the much-bulkier opaque projectors many of us used in high school: it will project a small printed image or even the silhouette of an object such as a medal onto a white wall or screen, allowing the item to be enlarged to a great extent for tracing. It also allows an object or document to be viewed by a group at one time without the expense or copyright issues involved in making a photocopy for each person in attendance.

Although not useful for large gatherings, it is potentially useful for small groups (in-service training, library orientation for visiting groups, etc.) in the Library or by the Ohio Chapter, as well as for individuals by appointment wishing to create banners, posters, specialty flags, appliquéd wall hangings, etc. It will be great for creating extra-large copies of family or German town crests, for example.

Start planning the exhibit for your next family reunion!

Ann Miller Scott, MSLS
National Librarian
Palatines to America



10 Commandments for Genealogists

IX—Thou shalt respect the sensitivities of the living in whatever you record, but tell the truth about the dead.

X—Let not thy heart be troubled by black sheep.

“My Pilgrimage to the Palatinate—Chapter 2”

By John Gilbert Kaufman, Jr.

As noted in Chapter 1 (Heritage, Vol. XXIX, No. 4, pp 56-57), through a combination of research at the Palatines to America Library and personal research at early family sites in Martinsburg, West Virginia and Frederick, Maryland, I learned that my emigrant ancestor, Johannes Kauffman and his wife, Elizabetha Fossellmann, came to America in 1750-54, originating from the small town of Minfeld in the Palatinate of Germany.

Having identified the early Kauffman family as having been well established in Minfeld, I decided to learn as much about the town as I could in preparation for a possible future visit. Here, the Internet proved extremely useful. A Google search turned up a fine site created for the town of Minfeld, now over 1000 years old and considered an historic site. From the Minfeld website, I gained two important pieces of information:

- (1) a picture and write-up about the Minfeld Protestant Church, also considered of historic interest, and
- (2) an e-mail address for the mayor of Minfeld.

I e-mailed the mayor, who kindly passed my message on to the president of the historical society in the area, Dr. Werner Esser. Dr. Esser replied promptly and was most helpful. In another stroke of good luck, he was able to arrange to ship to me a copy of the very informative book published at the time of the Minfeld Millennium celebration in 1988. Among the contents of the Millennium book was a page listing emigrants from Minfeld in the early years, and Johannes Kauffman was among the 20 or so mentioned....amazing linkage of all of my documentation.

Another fact provided by Dr. Esser was that the records of the Minfeld Church had been

recorded by the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) of the USA, and he provided the specific tape record numbers. By writing to the Family History Library of the LDS Church, I was able to obtain copies of the tapes. Rather tedious study of the old German text was required, but I learned a number of additional details about the Kauffman family by that route.

Knowing as much as I did at this point, there was only one thing more I needed to do. I needed to return to Minfeld myself, a desire made all the more intense by knowing that I would be able to visit the very church in which the early Kauffmans has worshipped.

By yet another stroke of good fortune, my son-in-law Douglas Winkelmann is of recent German heritage. His father was born in Germany and his Mother, in Austria. It took little encouragement for Douglas and our daughter Ruth Ann to assist me in a pilgrimage of a sort to our family roots in Minfeld. In mid-June, we flew together to Frankfurt, rented a car, and spent three delightful days in the Minfeld region before going on to other treats in the German countryside.

I had contacted Werner Esser in advance that we would be coming. He very graciously spent an entire day with us, not only guiding us to the church in Minfeld, but showing us key locations in the area, like Kandel, another ancient town effectively the county seat of Gernersheim where Minfeld is located, and the extremely interesting old town of Wissembourg just across the nearby border in France. It was to the walled city of Wissembourg that Minfeld and Kandel residents among others fled to escape the

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ravages of the 30-years war, especially the devastation around 1620, when much of Minfeld and Kandel were leveled, the churches excepted. The walled city of Wissembourg with its large cloister represented an island of safety, and the predecessors of our known Kauffmans and Fosselmanns may well have been among those who found shelter there before returning home to rebuild Minfeld.

The Protestant Church in Minfeld was originally built in the 9th Century, and enlarged in the 11th and 13th Centuries to essentially its present form. Portions of the walls from the 800's are still incorporated in the church today. In the early years, prior to the 16th century, the church served that Catholic faith, but after the Protestant church took hold in Europe there was a period of several hundred years when it served both Protestant and Catholic congregations. It was not until the early 20th century that a new Catholic church was built in the town, and the present day Protestant

Church became dedicated to the reformed faith.

In recent years, efforts have been underway to restore the inner walls of the church to their originally condition, including many paintings of the apostles and scenes from the Life of Christ. Evidence of these painting was discovered in repairing deteriorating wall coatings, and recovery of the original scenes has become the goal.

It was a rare and powerful experience for me to be able to sit in the same church that my forebears had some 300 years ago. I hope others may have such good fortune in their genealogical work, and that perhaps some component of the path I took to get there will be helpful to others. The key thought I would like to leave with readers is to visit their local family sites and take full advantage of regional historical societies; you are likely to learn much more from these sources than by limiting your searching to the Internet.

With Sincere Sympathy To the Family and Friends of
Joan G. (Busam) Little

LITTLE, Joan G. (nee Busam) 71, departed this life on February 2, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio.

She was born on March 27, 1935 to Florina Minnich and Eugene Busam. Joani graduated from Sandusky High School and Mercy School of Nursing in 1957. She loved gardening, pets and genealogy.

In 1958 she married John Harpst of Sandusky, Ohio, who preceded her in death in 1984. In 1997 she married Thompson Little. Tom died in 2004. She is survived by her sons, daughters and grandchildren, brother Jim Busam and sister Barbara Volz.

Joani was a member of the Ohio Chapter Board of Trustees. She and her husband Tom were coordinators of the vendor committee for the 2003 National Conference. She and her brother, Jim, write articles for the Heritage. Joani's friendly smile and dedication to the Ohio Chapter will be missed.

Census Problems to Avoid

by Ted Soucy - Historian, Charlotte County Genealogical Society

In reading all the Geneagrams for the last 30 years last year, I found some articles worth repeating. Here is the information from several article that I have combined.

Be Careful: Before 1880, the abbreviation "IA" stood for Indiana and NOT Iowa.

Be Careful: Another problem was the writing of dates. The preferred way is to give the day of the month first, followed by the month and then the year. But some people in the past gave the month first and then the day of the month. Thus, March 12 might have been written as 3/12 and other people might read it as December 3.

Be Careful: Another problem is the use of abbreviations. The writer may have understood what he was recording but you might not be able to understand it in the same way. I have found confusion on many occasions between "Jun" - June and "Jan" - January.

Other Considerations:

1820-1830 - Wisconsin and Michigan are listed together

1840 - Minnesota is with Clayton County, Iowa

And 1860 is a very tricky year:

1860 - Nevada is with the Utah enumeration

1860 - Wyoming is with the Nebraska Enumeration

1860 - Oklahoma is with Arkansas (Indian lands)

1860 - Colorado is with Kansas

If you are looking for an ancestor whom you know lived in a location but they are not there, be sure the area has not changed.

Virginia once covered many thousands of square miles more than it does today. A reference made to a person having been born in Virginia could actually mean that the ancestor was born in part of:

Illinois from 1781-1818

Indiana from 1787-1816

Missouri from 1775-1792

West Virginia from 1769-1863

North Carolina from 1728-1803

Ohio from 1728-1803

Pennsylvania from 1752-1786

Tennessee from 1760-1803

- In 1790 Washington, DC was enumerated with Montgomery and Prince George Counties in Maryland.
- In 1820 & 1830 the State of Washington was enumerated in the Michigan census.
- In 1836 a census done in the Iowa Territory included the State of Minnesota.
- In 1860 Montana was found in the Nebraska census under "unorganized territory" which also included Northeast Colorado

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Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

***Blessed is the family whose members strive for the preservation of records,
For theirs is a labor of love.***

Footprints in the Sands of Time

By Joani Little and Jim Busam

Landkern, originally called Kern, traces its history to 1051 when it was the smallest of the mountain villages belonging to the High Court of Klotten, a town a few miles down the Mosel River from Cochem. After 1335 Landkern, Illerich and several other villages became the property of the Archdiocese of Trier. A chapel existed in Landkern at least from 1511 and became a Church in 1512 with the appointment of a pastor. However, the parishioners were required to attend Holy Mass at Klotten on at least seven Holydays.

The Church of St. Servatius is the centerpiece of the village. Our ancestors, Jacob Minnich and his wife Anna Barbara Kramer, did not see this building as the cornerstone was laid in 1859, and they emigrated in 1854. The old church was declared unsafe in 1840, which probably accounts for our ancestors being married in 1851 at St. Vincenz in Illerich, the birthplace of Jacob. The baptistery would be familiar to them, also the organ, which the organist said was 200 years old.

Among the many old buildings is the *Fachwerkhaus* (timber frame house) built in 1650 and restored in 1979. The *Jakobsbrunnen* is a spring with a stone house enclosure and a large stone trough, which probably served as the village water source in olden times. Now it is part of a park. Opposite the church are several other old buildings; one of which is "Zur Post", a hotel with restaurant and bar. The only other commercial establishment is a butcher shop with a lunchroom, serving breakfast and noon lunch.

In addition to Zur Post there are eleven *privatzimmer* and ten *ferienwohnungen*, one of which is Haus Mönich. Mönich is a spelling variation of Minnich. We contacted them for accommodations and to check on relationship.

They were booked for the time of our stay and put us in contact with Haus Garullis but requested we visit with them. Karl-Heinz Mönich is *der bergermeister* and had to leave for business soon after we arrived but his wife, Edeltrude, made us feel welcome. She is also into genealogy but we were not able to connect families. She invited us back for Sunday afternoon coffee and cake with the family gathering. Among this group of about 12 were their three children (adults) who spoke English. We enjoyed learning about their family and the village. Commenting on the number of church steeples we could see, we were told that on a clear day you can see 20 villages from their back deck.

Edeltrude told us there was to be a beer and brat party in the park in the evening and urged us to come. She also made arrangements for us to read the church books in the church office. The woman in that office did not know any English so she called her son to come and help us, another example of the friendly cooperative people.

Landkern is still a small village, having about 830 inhabitants living in houses mostly built since World War II. In 1563 there were only about 100. When Jacob and Barbara emigrated in 1854 there were only about 350. One wonders why such a small village should be destroyed at least five times: Twice by French invasions, once in the 30 Years War and in both World Wars. St. Servatius Church had seven large bells in its tower until the German war machine needed metal during World War II. The villagers managed to hide one bell, which has been reinstalled.

There are not many thrills greater than walking in the footsteps and seeing the sights of our ancestors.

“COMING EVENTS”

February / March / April

JUNE 22, 23, 24 **PAL AM NATIONAL CONFERENCE**
West Virginia University Evansdale Center
Morgantown, West Virginia

JUNE 30, 2007 - **15TH ANNUAL GERMAN GENEALOGICAL
CONFERENCE**
Des Moines Botanical Center
909 E. River Dr., Des Moines, IA
8:45 - 4 PM. More information contact
Linda Enghausen at LEnghausen@aol.com

August 15-18 **FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES (FGS) - 2007 CONFERENCE**
Fort Wayne, IN
For info, contact:
www.fgs.org/fgs-conference.htm



DOWN THE ROAD...

June 19, 20 and 21, 2008

**Pal Am
National Conference**

**Midwest Hotel &
Conference Center
Columbus, Ohio**

***ALL HELPERS
WELCOME***

The Palatine Patter

As a result of a National Board action taken on April 14, the current and last edition of *The Palatine Patter* is now available online to Members Only.

The copies are located as a clickable link after you login into the Members Section. The files are in pdf – portable document format — which is opened by using Adobe Reader. If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer, go to www.adobe.com to download a copy. It is free. Your login is your member number.

Enjoy viewing the Patter with its touches of color in the graphics that editor, Rich Gombert, uses so well.

Please let me know if you have any problem viewing the document.

Norma Davis, Web Coordinator

A Thank You Note...

Dear Friends of the Ohio Pal Am,

I would like to thank you for having given me the privilege of being your Editor of *Heritage* since November, 2003. It has been a wonderful learning experience... sometimes a challenge... but never less than an exciting time when *Heritage* was in preparation.

I have had your utmost cooperation and I owe you many thanks for the fine articles and up-to-the-minute news you have provided as content for me. The new friends I have made are precious and will long be remembered for the many kindnesses extended to me. A special thanks to Mary Hess who was always there for me and ready to help. She is truly a lady of distinction. I look forward to seeing you at the National Conference in June.

Best Wishes for your future.... *Joanne Ryder*

“Friend in Iowa”

By Celia Mitschelen

I believe my work is unique in that I have transcribed the church records of the small town of Malmsheim near Stuttgart from 1560-1914 and family records only, after that point.

After finding the family I was looking for, I went back and started at the beginning of the records and worked my way through transcribing as completely as possible. I find I have a better than average knowledge of what life was like for my ancestors through the notes one finds here and there throughout the records. My assessment is that you get the "dirt" from the Tauf Registers, "spuria/spurius" also "zu fruh beischlaffen".

The Ehe Registers, also mention the same thing. Once they started the column for dispensations, I learned that if one lived in Wuerttemberg and got married on Wednesday, you could be sure this was not a virgin getting married. Did you know there was a dispensation to allow such a pair to get married on some other day? I have seen twice where this was allowed but the bride was forbidden to wear the usual wedding crown.

The death records are full of accounts of deaths that give real insight into what was going on at that time. Falls from the upper part of the barn, down stairs, off ladders and out of trees were common. The barn was also a favorite site for hangings. I discovered a family, mother, son and a daughter, all alcoholics. Two of them committed suicide. It is now said that alcoholism is inherited and talking with

another member of GIG was told that he has also traced it in his family for several generations.

Unless you are lucky, as I have been, this little town had a number of historians. It seems there are no histories of small towns, so learning how your own ancestors lived is a lot of speculation.

I know exactly when the Thirty Years War reached Malmsheim and what it did to people and their lives. There are notes in my death records of that.

Histories record only the big events, a small town is lumped into a general statement about the area. My advice is to not wear blinders when searching church records. When you come across a note read it even if it isn't your family.

My command of the German language stems from 16 weeks of Adult Ed classes. That's not much, but it did get me to separable prefixes which solved the mystery of all those little words one finds on the end of German sentences. There are dictionaries and there are people that are willing to help with translation so speaking and understand the German language is not a prerequisite to German research.

Celia recommends "Thirty Years War" by C. V. Wedgewood.

The black sheep keeps the best info on the family.

We Need Your Help...

Many budget items are being cut in Palatines to America to achieve a balanced budget. New things are happening to keep up with 21st century thinking.

1. First of all, membership is dropping in all organizations. This is not just a Pal-Am problem. We need each and every member to talk about Pal-Am and do their very best to bring in new members and to keep the old members. *How many of you have been to the library recently? There are resources there that many other libraries do not have on their shelves. The surname files are packed with family tree information. Have you stopped by www.palam.org, there are items there that every member should be familiar with.*
2. We will need **more** volunteers to come forward to do the work at headquarters. *Anyone with any type of office experience or just inserting letters into envelopes your help would be appreciated. If your going to be in town and have an hour or two to spare, call ahead and they will put you to work.*
3. We need your input via e-mail or snail mail on what you expect/want from Pal-Am National and the Ohio Chapter. *(E-mail addresses are on the back of your newsletter)*
4. Most of all, we need your support, both on the national and chapter levels, to attend functions offered to you. *Less than 12% of our membership attend these functions WHY? Let us know.*

We hope all members reading this will think long and hard about taking an active part in preserving Palatines to America, Researching our German-Speaking Ancestors.

Your Ohio Chapter Board

April Seminar Pics...



Martin Dietsler

Marvelous lecturer... very much enjoyed by all who attended the Spring Seminar.



Cindy Ayres and President Mary Hess
What a small world we live in!

Cindy and Mary met through a friend of Mary's son in Harrogate England. Both Mary's son and his friend live in England. Cindy and her husband now lives in Columbus and are members of Pal Am.



And there was a "delicious" luncheon enjoyed by all seminar participants.

OHIO CHAPTER PAL-AM
Mail Order Price List for Publications & Other Sale Items
Effective November 1, 2004

National Conference Publications	Order #	Tot Cost
GEORGIA LANDS by Merle M. Baker.....	\$ 2.50	_____
THE VERY BASICS OF GERMAN GENEALOGY by Kenneth L. Smith.....	\$ 5.50	_____
GERMANS INTO AND OUT OF OHIO BEFORE 1850.....	\$ 4.50	_____
BEGINNING GENEALOGY: START IT RIGHT! BY Dr. Arta F. Johnson.....	\$ 5.50	_____
BEGINNING GENEALOGY—PATHS & PITFALLS by Kathleen Goodner Marine.....	\$ 6.50	_____
1993 OHIO NATIONAL CONFERENCE SYLLABUS.....	\$ 5.50	_____
1999 OHIO NATIONAL CONFERENCE SYLLABUS.....	\$ 6.50	_____
2003 OHIO NATIONAL CONFERENCE SYLLABUS.....	\$ 6.50	_____
 Dr. Arta F. Johnson Publications for German-American Research		
PEOPLE OF THE PALATINATE (REVISED EDITION) - What it was like in the German villages 1616-1815 ..	\$ 5.50	_____
HOW TO READ GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS WITHOUT KNOWING MUCH GERMAN.....	\$ 5.50	_____
Patterns of records, vocabularies, examples of script		
A GUIDE TO THE SPELLING & PRONUNCIATION OF GERMAN NAMES.....	\$ 8.50	_____
How to arrive at the German spelling of misspelled and garbled personal names, surnames, place names.		
THE ORIGINS, DEVELOPMENT & MEANINGS OF GERMAN NAMES.....	\$ 8.50	_____
Given names, nicknames, surnames		
AIDS FOR RESEARCH IN GERMANY—Bibliography, Source Materials, Emigration.....	\$ 3.50	_____
Immigration, Research Aids and Maps. Published in 1988 with some items out of date.		
MIGRATIONS WEST & BACKTRACKING EAST.....	\$ 5.50	_____
With Merlin C. & Eva M. Finnell. Two articles, maps, book lists		
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 Dr. George K. Schweitzer, PhD Publications for German American Research		
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Pal Am National Conference

June 22-24, 2007

West Virginia University Conference Center, Morgantown, WV

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Seminar Topics

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE GERMANIA

Palatines living in Central Ohio are invited to join the Germania Singing and Sports Society located in the heart of the Columbus Brewery District at 543 South Front Street. Membership applications and information can be obtained by contacting Arvin Donner, a member of the Ohio Palatines, at 614-889-9795.

The Germania Society is celebrating its 141st anniversary in 2007. The Society supports a Mannerchor and Damenchor and a variety of social and cultural activities.

Ohio Palatines are especially invited to two upcoming events. The first is the Bratwurst Festival on the night of 3 July, the night of Red, White and Boom in Columbus. The second event is the annual Bavaria Fest on Saturday, 25 August and Sunday 26 August. Members of the Palatines are admitted to both of these events at no admission charge on showing their Palatine Membership Card. Additional information and a detailed schedule are available from Herr Donner.

Come join the Germania for these German events.

Submitted by Jerry Miller

Palatines to America
Ohio Chapter Spring Membership Meeting
April 28, 2007

Agenda

Meeting held at Lancaster Inn, Lancaster, OH with a quorum present.

REPORTS

*Minutes from Spring 2006 meeting - Secretary accepted

Registrar Report - Jean Hall

*Treasurer Report - Proposed Budget for 2007-2008 - Jeannine Miller accepted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007 National Conference is held in Morgantown, VA June 22-24, 2007. If you have not received a registration form you can get one at National's vendor table. Let's make this outstanding attendance from Ohio. I think everyone has heard of Roger Minert, but the lectures he will be giving are brand new, taken from his most recent studies in Germany.

2008 National Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Jerry Miller is chairman for the function and his committee coordinators are in place. Speakers for the conference have been contacted and confirmed. Dates of the conference are: June 19-20-21, 2008 more will follow in the Heritage newsletter. Still looking for a coordinator to head up tours/entertainment committee. If you are interested see Jerry Miller or Mary Hess. Accepting any other help.

Membership Drive Take a Pal Am brochure with you the next time you visit a library and post on their bulletin board. Pal Am needs members to keep the organization alive.

NEW BUSINESS

The Bus Tour offered in the Heritage is cancelled. Not enough members were interested. All monies will be returned to those who registered.

Fall Seminar will be held October 13, 2007 at the Zoar Tavern in Zoar, Ohio. Featured speaker will be Amy Johnson Crow, watch your Heritage and brochure for more details. A brief tour of the village is in the planning stages.

Heritage Newsletter Editor Ohio Chapter is badly in need of an editor. Joanne Ryder has resigned due to other commitments. She has done a wonderful job these past years and she will be missed. If anyone is interested in taking over the position see Bill Simons. Or, if you can pass on a name for us to contact it would be gratefully appreciative.

Germanic Organizations - If you belong to any other Germanic organization/society please pass the name of the group on to our publicity chair Dr. Richard Hartle. Ohio Chapter would like to trade event dates and other information with them.

Volunteers Needed - Due to National Office having to make cuts in their budget, changes had to be made. This was due to raising costs and keeping the organization up to 21st century standards.

Because of these changes, we need YOUR HELP. Call the office and volunteer an hour or two or more a week, a month or whenever you have some time to spare. A call for help from National president, Virginia Cassady.

Introduction of Nominees - Janet Gum, nominating committee chair - 4 positions open

President, Mary Hess, 3 Trustees: H. Bud Ficken, Gary Martzolf and Jeanne Graef. any nominations from the floor? nominations closed

*Election of President - Election of Trustees. Voted In - Mary Hess, pres - Gary Martzolf, Jeanne Graef and H. Bud Ficken

Awards given to outstanding members - John Mangus, Joanne Ryder, Nancy & Ted Karchner and Dr. Richard Hartle.

Accepting any new business to be discussed from the floor none

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING.

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