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DOROTHY LIMBACH REPORTS

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What A beautiful May morning to travel to Columbus and the German Village for the meeting. We met at The Germania Singing Society and by the time I arrived (about 9A.M.) the hall was already crowded with fellow genealogists. The official reservation count was 133 and there were very few no-shows. About 8:30 President Bill Simons called us to order and introduced Ernest Thode, our Program Chairman. Ernie then presented Friedrich Wollmershaeuser, who was warmly greeted by the crowd. F.Wollmershaeusers first lecture was titled "The Bureaucracy of Emigration & Its Traces in German Archives", which included a slide presentation that added much to the lecture. Mr. "W" pointed out how difficult it was for our ancestors (in some cases) to leave, and the resulting paper trail. This trail is a great help to those tracing their family tree.

The second morning lecture was on "Passenger Departure Lists". "FW" noted here that most early lists were destroyed, not as a result of WW II, but of decisions in earlier times when it was felt they had little value. Most available lists are not earlier than 1840.. Herr Wollmershaeuser's afternoon lecture was on "Genealogical Correspondence and Travel in Germany". Best times to visit, April-June and Sept-Oct.. Note:- I having visited both in Spring & Fall, I prefer the Fall. The colors in the hill country could rival The Smokies any day.

As to correspondence to Germany, Friedrich said he felt it was better to write in good English than in bad German. Unless you are fluent in the language you can easily make some real gems of mistakes. Also, we were advised that when writing to limit what is requested. This relates to use of researcher's times as well as what it may cost you. All the lectures were very good and opened our eyes to some of the problems our ancestors faced, We all received 16 pages of hand out material from the speaker.

Now don't think I forgot all the other fun - first, the friends and relatives - as usual the "noise " of visiting and greeting old friends and new ones has to be heard to be believed. Book browsing, as usual, occupied a lot of people during free time. Finally the food - well you know Germans are noted for their food. . The food met expectations. Donuts, coffee, and tea were waiting when we arrived. Lunch was served buffet style and included any/all the following depending on how hungry you were:-

- Kraut with sausage
- Bratwurst
- Roast pork
- Roast beef
- Green beans
- Potato Salad
- Rolls & butter
- Coffee, Tea, (there was a cash bar serving wine, beer, & soft drinks)
- Coffee kuchen for dessert.

WHAT A FEAST!

After lunch we had our Annual Ohio Chapter Meeting and elected the following (unanimously)

- President - Ted Cunningham
- Vice-president - Jim Vicars
- Treasurer - Clara Harsh *
- Secretary - Dotty Limbach *
- Membership Registrar - Florence Beck *
- Board Members at large:-
 - Elly Brucken*
 - Rudy Heath*
 - Mary Leppla

* denotes reelected.

Don't know how many others went on to browse in German Village but my friend and I did. We had a lovely time, including a light supper with yummy cake for dessert.

Hope to see all of you again soon, such as at the National Meeting this month at Normal Illinois or at the next Ohio Chapter at Marietta in October.

THE PRESIDENT SAYS

Our spring conference was, I believe, by any measure a successful one. There was a period of seven days prior to the conference that was filled with some apprehension as to the whereabouts and arrival time of our speaker. Friedrich Wollmershaeuser. Friedrich did arrive at 6:00 AM the morning of the meeting after a night long bus ride from St. Louis. His various talks to our group were of considerable interest and were followed by very active question and answer sessions.

I was particularly impressed with the facilities and the staff of The Germania and wish to express my thanks to the Germania President, Mr. Herbert Koennenmann for his efforts on our behalf.

New officers have been elected for the coming year and I feel confident they will continue the important work of our chapter. There is some unfinished business from my term as President. The two most important items are revisions of our By-laws to meet with the approval of the National Board and a clear establishment of our Tax Exempt status.

A comment I heard about the conference was "it did not address our period". I am not aware the *Palatines To America* has a time restriction or an established period of immigration for our ancestors. We seem to have members from various periods of immigration and indeed some members not truly from The Palatinate, but from other parts of Germany. Since our common goal is genealogical research of our German ancestry this system works for the good of all. As our name indicates our prime thrust is toward immigration from the Palatinate, we do concentrate on that area. In my own case my first immigrant ancestor came in 1710,. Jacob Kobel from Hoffenheim, Sinsheim. My family name didn't arrive until 1834. Does it really matter when they came? What do you think?

This is my last "President's Message" and I wish you all good things. I will continue to contribute as much as I can in the way of service to the Society. This is the first "Palatine Heritage" to be produced in the Laser Printing process

The State Library of Ohio

Our Vice-president elect, James Vicars, has been telling us about the genealogical research possibilities at The State Library of Ohio which is on the 11th floor of the State Office Building at 65 So. Front Street in Columbus.. You may decide to spend some time there, along with the resources at Ohio Historical, Columbus Public, Ohio State University and Franklin County Genealogical Society libraries, when you opt for a week researching in the capital city..

Mr. Vicars reports there are more than 8500 items on the State Library shelves and three very 's service..

The books focus on Ohio, Colonial States, and states immediately surrounding Ohio. One may order down any of all of the DAR lineage books, and such others as Strassburger's Pennsylvania-German Pioneers, Chalkley's Records of Augusta County Va, 1745-1800 and several "How To" volumes.. The periodicals section includes the Genealogical Helper, National Genealogical Society Quarterlies and the New England Genealogical & Historical Register. Two of the several "Indexes" are Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists, American Genealogical and Biographical Index . There are others.

The Census' available are microfilms for all states, 1800-1850;, directories for most states from 1790-1850 and Ohio miscellaneous records 1820-1910. The library has the Soundex for 1900 and 1910. You may find yours among the many family histories. Then, Mr. Vicars points out, there are some cemetery and marriage records of Ohio Counties, and war rosters as well as city directories, particularly for Columbus.

The library is equipped to access the Ohio State University stacks and other state library installations.. It is a part of a nationwide computer book search system. Jim also points out there is a Law Library on the 4th floor where books relating to early land acquisitions are on hand. The people are extremely helpful there, too. The best parking is at any of the nearby Lazarus garages. The rates are reasonable. The hours are 8 to 5 Mon-Thurs; 9 to 5 on Friday The Genealogy Desk has its own telephone number. It is 614-462-7061

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Recently elected Board Member-At-Large, **Mary Elizabeth Leppla** of Wooster is a retired librarian. A native of Wooster, she lived in Holmes County and she attended grade and high school at Millersburg. She was graduated from The College of Wooster then taught in the Millersburg Junior High and grade schools For 19 years she was a librarian.. Mrs. Leppla gained a Master's degree in Library Science at Kent State University and has since maintained membership in professional library associations such as Ohio Educational Library Media Association, the Ohio Library Assn and the American Library Assn. . Mary Elizabeth (Wheaton) Leppla recalls that the year she retired she attended a meeting of the A.L.A. at Philadelphia. The conference featured five major sessions in *genealogy* . She says she *"was so caught up by the excitement of such research, it seems I'll never give it up....."* Her interest in continuing education has extended to participation in Elderhostel programs involving travel to universities to study lineage research techniques and work in archival collections. My roots she says, "are among early families in rural Holmes County where I grew up. Generations ago descendants of my Palatinate immigrant ancestors moved to that area from Pennsylvania." *Your Editor is particularly pleased to have Mrs. Leppla aboard because her family's peregrinations seem to parallel his own's.*

WILKOMMEN

We welcome recently enrolled members to our chapter. Some signed up at our May 9th meeting at The Germania. We hope they will benefit and will willingly assist in the chapter's affairs Ohio members Jeanne Kessler, Radnor; Mary Jane Wadsworth, Wilmington; Doris Rohrbach, Germantown., Elizabeth Work, Logan.; J. E. Schmidhammer, Lancaster & Fay Maxwell, Columbus Outside of Ohio, Chester F. Mack Jr. Virginia; Vera Firebaugh, Texas; Rita Black, North Carolina

FALL CHAPTER MEETING

Ernest Thode, Chairman of Programs has announced that the Fall Meeting is slated for Marietta on **October 3rd**. . Marietta will be celebrating the Bi-centennial of the establishing of the Northwest Territory.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Robt Schnetzer, Phil Beltz, Dr. Helen Wikoff, Pres. I. W. Simons, Robt Rudy

Federation of Genealogical Societies.
together with The Miami Valley Council on Genealogy and History are presenting a *Harvest of History* at Cincinnati July 8 -12

P.T.A. National Conference

The Annual Meeting and National Conference of Palatines To America is meeting June 25 to 27 at Normal Illinois. Larry Jensen from Salt Lake City heads a fine panel of six speakers. Ohio member officers attending include, George Munsch, LaRoux Mentz, Martha Agler and John T. (Terry) Golden

DELAY IN YOUR MAIL?

Heritage is mailed by bulk rate 3rd class. Some have complained that it comes to you very late so apparently is not being handled promptly by your postal service. In checking with the local authorities we find that bulk mail must be handled and forwarded within 48 hours of its receipt at each facility. So, if you realize this mailing is delayed, complain to your own postman, and to his or her postal center..

German Tour

At the latest report, Ernest Thode still needs four registrations for his June 30 to July 14 tour of the Rhineland and Switzerland . Call 614 - 374 - 6821 for details or 614-373-3728. We hope Mr. Thode is able to fill his quota and the tour "will fly".

BOOK SALE

Several years ago your Governing Board established a book sale committee so there would be books for members to browse over during our semi-annual seminars. This was needed because commercial book dealers were reluctant to bring their wares to the conferences. Sales were not that great. Purchases of books were negotiated from Genealogical Publishing Co., The Closson Press and Family Life Publications for new and reprinted volumes, and "used" books from other dealers. Some of the latter have not moved so we have decided to offer them at substantial discounts. Here are some great buys if you have an interest in the respective titles. (1) Moore's **History of Franklin County Ohio**. 999 pages, Illustrated, 3 volumes 1930, \$33.00 for the set. Down from \$60.00 (2) Campbell's **Nova Scotia**, 530 pages, 1873, \$11.00 was \$20.00 (3) **Early American Inns and Taverns** by Elise Lathrop, 365 pages, 1936, \$1050 formerly \$12.00(4) Transactions, Historical Society of **Berks County Penna** Vol.3, 467 pages, 1923 \$19.00, down from \$35.00 (5) Two Hundred Years in **Cumberland County Pa.** 1951, 388 pages, \$11.00 was \$20.00 and (6) **William Beal, Buck's County Penna**, by Lowe, 1961, 134 pages \$7.00, from \$12.00. Please, we must ask also for shipping costs \$1.25, and 5.5.% Ohio Sales Tax

IN MEMORY OF LOUISE BLANKENSHIP

Louise Blankenship will be remembered by many in Palatines To America as a unique person. She was an "expert" on the Pennsylvania-Germans. Her roots were deep in the Tulpehocken area. Louise passed away on April 16, 1987 after a brave struggle to survive. She was laid to rest at Womelsdorf Pa.

Louise was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She had a strong urge to seek out her ancestry and her German background made Palatines To America seem natural. She also had a way of bringing others into the organization. During her involvement with Pal-Am she served as Query Editor for "Patter". She took extra time to follow through on the many questions that members included along with the query. She was quick to volunteer at the headquarters office when extra hands were needed to fold cards and stuff envelopes.

A typewriter table and chair have been donated to the national headquarters office in memory of Louise. Before she died she donated her collection of books on German genealogy to the Pal-Am Library. Her life was dedicated to helping others---the only way to live on is through the lives of those who live after us.

by LaRoux Mentz



Pres. I. W. Simons & F. Wollmershaeuser

QUERIES

COOK. Seek ancestry of Ardella COOK, married George W. Kreiling/Kreyling/Krilin/ Greiling /Greeling on 2 November 1869 at Marseilles Ohio, Wyandot County, Ohio. Arnold. E. Crohn, 7337 Melotte St. San Diego CA, 92119

FUNK. David Funk, b. 19 May 1805 Penna, d. 18 Oct. 1889 Hocking Cnty OH Falls Twp. m (Catherine) Keziah Cockerell b. 25 Oct 1815 VA d. 8 May 1896 Hocking Cnty OH Both bu Scott's Creek Cemetery, Hocking Cnty. When and where were they married? Who were their parents?. Robert Harsh, 3010 Derby Rd. Columbus, OH, 43221

SNEDEKER/WYCOFF/PORTER. Jacob Snedeker son of Garrett Snekter and Elizabeth Wycoff. b 9 Sept 1784 d. 8 Aug 1864 Ohio Cnty W. V m Eleanor Porter b 8 Aug 1787 d 6 July 1867 Ohio Cnty WV. Need marriage place and date (ca 1807) and parents of Eleanor Porter. Robert Harsh 3010 Derby Rd, Columbus, OH

RUDIBAUGH Wish to correspond with descendant of Henry Rudibaugh b 1792 Berks Cnty PA d, 1865 Columbiana Cnty OH. m Elizabeth. Family migrated Columbiana Oh ca 1830 where Gr father Charles Lorraine Rudibaugh was b. Who were Henry's parent? grandparents?. Mary E. Wilkinson, 215 Roycroft Ave. Long Beach CA 90803

Editor's Note:- Queries are generally reserved for the national newsletter **Patter**. Members of the chapter are invited to send one to this editor if they have tried the Palatine Patter without a satisfactory result

THE END OF THE LINE ?

The April 13, 1987 number of *Antique Week*, formerly *Tri-State-Trader*, reports "Recent communications our *Genealogy Week* readers from Halbert's inc.---- Bath, Ohio---- were referred to U. S. Postal Service" which responded to our Mrs. Kilmer as follows "____the subject firm (Halbert's) has filed a petition for bankruptcy". *Genealogy Week* (that's the genealogy section of *Antique Week*) suggests that any reader who ordered materials from Halbert's send photocopies of the order and payment, to the Court Akron as a claim.

GIFTS OF BOOKS TO LIBRARY

In the February issue of *Heritage* we asked for a good German-English Dictionary. Hardly had we put the *Heritage* in the mail than Lynden E. Reynolds Columbus, came in with a copy of Cassell's German-English Dictionary. Thanks, Mr. Reynolds, Now if someone will donate Volumes 1 & 2 of *Strassburger & Henke's Pennsylvania -German Pioneers* and also *Annette Burgert's The Northern Kraichgau*, also her *The Western Palatinate* we'd be ready for the summer's rush. Other tomes which the library needs are *The Mennonite Encyclopedic Dictionary* edited by *Daniel Kauffman* and *Genealogical and Local History Books in Print* published by *Netti Schreiner-Yantis*.

Clyde Groff, Lancaster Pa and eminent national officer has sent us *THE GROFF BOOK*, Vol. 1. Your Editor appreciates that he sent it "in memory of Lois A. Rudy who not only put up with Clyde but many times put up Clyde in her home.

Eldon Weber, Kitchener, Ontario donated the *STOEKLE- STECKLE FAMILY BOOK* which he authored.

From **Furman Demaris** we have received *THE DEMARIS • TREE*, volume 3, also his *CORRECTIONS TO DEMARIS TREE* Volumes 1 & 2

Elsewhere **LaRoux Mentz** has written of the late **Louise Blankenship** having specified before her death, that her genealogical library be given to the Palatine Library.. We have received; the following:-

Womelsdorf Parish Record for the years 1926 thru 1937

Altalaha Evangelical Lutheran Church 225th Anniversary program

Bernsville Pa, 1851 - 1976
Pennsylvania History 1963, No. 5
Schaeffertown (Pa) Folk Festival, 1967
1918 Recipe Book
Amish-Dutch Tourist Guide

Croll-Greiss Family History 1880-'30
J. H. Bassler's address to Myerstown
Academy Apr. 20 1906

Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Reports, 1973 thru 1983. Articles in them include The Doctor's Levengood, Landowners of Tulpehocken, stories re George Von Nieda and Henry Van Derslice, Leonard Rieth, the 1709ers at Schoharie, Frank Lichtenthaeler, a membership list, Penn's Creek Massacre, Pirates, Ship lists and Newlanders by S. Kaufman, the Moravians and Berk's County and and George K. Baer's "The Pennsylvania-Germans"

Frieden's Church at Bernville, list of members..

Monographs *Aus Pennsylvania* by "Pumper-nickel Bill" *Penna-German Poems* by Hulsbuck; *Quaint idioms and expressions* of the Penna=Germans; *Home Remedies and superstitions* of the Penns-Germans and *The Amish and Mennonites* by Aurand.

These are welcomed additions to your library and we again thank the donors. Please don't wait for your estate to donate your books, if you can spare them now. The library hours are 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. on Wednesdays, excepting any 5th one . It is at Room 339 Renner Hall, 2239 E. Main Street Capital University Campus, Columbus, Ohio

PAL-AM AT OGS

We attended the Ohio Genealogical Society's Conference at Perrysburg last month and saw several of Palatines-Ohio members. Julie Overton, Ruth Allen, and Mary Jane Henney were officers and we saw Delbert Gratz and Terry Golden were program speakers, also J. D. Wolfe and Dr. Wm. B. Saxbe Jr. . Dr. Geart Droege and Ernest Thode spoke at the Indiana Palatines 'Spring Meeting on May 2nd. Of especial interest to us was Carol Wilsey Bell's "Composing etc. a newsletter for your organization." It was full of *no-nos* which of course we shall try to avoid.

FISCAL YEAR DUES--HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership dues cover from October 1 to September 30. Both National and Ohio Chapter dues are included in the single payment of \$12. INDIVIDUAL membership, or \$14. FAMILY (2 persons-single address). Add \$3. per membership if outside of USA. Include SASE(self-addressed, stamped envelope) with your check payable to PALATINES TO AMERICA, Box 101 Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 43209-2394. Members receive both the National and Ohio publications and any member discounts for events

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LOCATION--Renner Hall Bldg. at SE cor. of Main St. & College Ave.on Capital Univ. campus--Rm.#339 on 3rd floor.

Other times subject to advance confirmation with Jean HALL, Cols.;--614- 885-4223.

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