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PRESIDENT CUNNINGHAM SAYS

Our Business Meeting on May 21st in connection with the seminar featuring Jane Clarke and Hank Jones should be very short. We will be electing officers for the coming year and approving our amended By-laws. The amended By-laws, if we approve them, will bring ours into conformity with the amended national By-laws. There will be, of course, an opportunity for the members who are present to offer action of their choosing. President Cunningham feels the members of Palatines To America should look to the officers and fellow members for reading German and translating assistance. We are well positioned to supply such help. He also believes there are groups of members living within easy distances of each other who would benefit by meeting once or twice each year at a local library room or elsewhere for discussing problems of mutual interest.

DON'T MISS DENVER

After our May 21st seminar at Columbus, many will go on to Denver for Palatines To America 1988 Conference. It is scheduled for June 16th to 18th at the Regis College there. Speakers in addition to our own Arta Johnson, Ernest Thode, and Ken Smith, include Arlene Eakle and Trudy Shenk of Salt Lake City, Donna Porter of Denver, Edna Bentz of San Diego, John Luzader, Golden, and Larry Metzler, Fresno. Reservations should be in by May 14th, to Betty Summers, 1404 Bellaire Dr., Colorado Springs. There'll be side trips and other attractions.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO VERONICA?

By Arta F. Johnson

Quite a lot of changes happened to her name. Since the German V is pronounced like our F, the name was frequently so spelled: Feronica. In addition, a short vowel in an unaccented syllable is often elided: Fronica. You may find her in a record as Fronny, Frenny, and then in a census record as Frances. (Frances is not a German name, although Francesca / Franziska is -- nicknamed Frantsy.)

In German and the Swiss-German dialect, the sounds of G and F are not as differentiated as they are in English. That fact probably accounts for the spelling you can find in Swiss church records of the 1600s: Fronegg.

To add to the fun and confusion, "Fronny" can also be a nickname for Sophronia, as "Frenny" may be a shortened form of Verena (Vreni), a name common in Switzerland.

NOMINATIONS

Robert Schnetzer has reported the Nominating Committee's recommendations to the Executive Board at its meeting on March 26th. The Committee suggests the re-election of the present officers and Board Members. They are: President, Ted W. Cunningham, Bluffton; Vice-president, James Vicars, Bexley; Secretary, Dorothy Limbach, Fairborn; Treasurer, Clara Harsh, Upper Arlington; Membership Registrar, Florence Beck, Columbus; Board Members-at-Large; Eleanor Brucken, Brecksville; Rudy Heath, Cincinnati, and Mary Leppla, Wooster. The slate will be presented at the business meeting on May 21. Nominations from the floor will be invited.

NEW MEMBERS

Florence Beck, Registrar, reports two new members. Else Buegge-Wood who lives in Columbus and Elizabeth Chadwell she lives in Pharr, Texas **WILKOMMEN!**

ANCESTOR CHARTS VOLUME 5

The committee on processing and publishing Ancestor Charts Volume No. 5 received two offers of computers or computer help. From Margaret Dieringer, Greenfield, Ohio, former National Secretary, and from Warren Ziegler of Allentown, Pennsylvania. It isn't certain their offers can be accepted so if another member has a computer for loan or gift, it is hoped it will be forthcoming. This is a NATIONAL project, not an OHIO one. The committee plans a cut-off of ancestor charts for this volume to those received on or before May 31st. If yours are nearly ready, finish them and send them in to the national office. The address is Capital University, Box, 101, Columbus, Ohio, 43209.

QUERY

I know my Gr. Gr. Grandfather Christian Bear (Bare), born around 1792, came from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio, then to Putnam County, Ohio, but I have not found anything to definitely link him to Stark Co., or anything that indicates where he was in Pennsylvania. Wife was Fannie, possibly Brennaman. Any help will be welcome. Theda (Bare) Williamson, P.O. Box 327, Ryderwood, WA. 98581.



HENRY Z. (HANK) JONES, JR.

A MAY 21ST FEATURED SPEAKER

Henry Z. Jones has spoken to the national meeting of Palatines To America and to several of our chapters. His articles on the New York Palatines have appeared in *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The American Genealogist* (TAG), *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, *The Palatine Immigrant*, *Der Reggeboge*, and many others. His book, *The Palatine Families of New York*, won the Donald Lines Jacobus award as the best genealogical work of 1986. The May 21st conference, however, will be his first appearance as guest speaker to our Ohio Chapter. Hank is a long-time member of our society, owning membership No. J-11.

In addition to his genealogical researching acclaim, Hank Jones is noted for several Hollywood production film leads.

Mr. Jones' special interest is in tracing the Palatine Immigrants to colonial New York in 1709-1710 and also the later Palatine arrivals in New York and New Jersey 1720 to 1750. He has published a two-volume work entitled *The Palatine Families of New York - 1710*, the result of close to twenty years of his own research and that of his agents in Germany. There is a follow-up in the works.

His subject should be of interest to all of us genealogists, new or experienced. It is **THE PALATINE FAMILIES OF NEW YORK - OR HOW TO TRACE 847 FAMILIES HERE AND ABROAD VIA DOCUMENTED SOURCES AND STILL STAY RELATIVELY SANE**

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JANE ADAMS CLARKE

A MAY 21ST FEATURED SPEAKER

Jane Clarke of Philadelphia has retired from a career of service to the State of Pennsylvania, and also periods of assistance to candidates for the state and national offices. She worked closely with the Lieutenant Governor during the Constitutional Convention, The National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, The Bi-Centennial Commission of Pennsylvania, The Council of Civil Defense, The Board of Pardons and other state activities.

She carries Palatines To America membership number C-8 and was formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Chapter. Mrs. Clarke is presently serving on the Board of Directors of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, is Editor of its *The Penn In Hand*, is chairman of its Accessions Committee, member of the Publications Committee, and member of the society's Speakers Bureau.

Jane is Co-Chairman of the Genealogical Study Group of The Historical Society of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, has qualified as a Certified Genealogist for over ten years and has done extensive research in Germany and England. She has been a guest speaker to Palatines To America Pennsylvania Chapter as well as The South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and others. Her articles on research have been published in the Pennsylvania Folklife magazine and also the Pennsylvania Genealogical magazine.

Mrs. Clarke is well qualified to present the two subjects she will present to our Spring Meeting

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EVANS ABOUT HANK JONES

We take this opportunity to quote from the latest issue of MI-PAL, the newsletter of the Michigan Chapter. Its President George Evans writes, "In 1984 I looked forward to the coming of Hank Jones, noted New York Palatine researcher, to our Adrian (Michigan) conference. I was not disappointed. Hank shed light on my problem as soon as he started talking. - Tip 1: 'Junior' at this time and place (19th century New York) did not necessarily mean son of 'Senior' of the same name but often meant the younger of two persons in an area with the same name. Tip 2: At this time and place a son's middle initial usually was the beginning initial of his father's Christian name. Tip 3: Sponsors are very important at this time and place as usually only close relatives sponsored baptisms. Mr. Evans' column then explained how Mr. Jones applied the above tips to his own families and writes "thanks to Hank for this fine example of how to do it." Members of the Ohio Chapter will have an opportunity to learn from him on May 21st. (Not only is George Evans President of our Michigan Chapter but is also Secretary of Palatines To America at the national level.)

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LIBRARY BOOKS DONATED

Craig Bailey of Bexley brought in several valuable additions to our library the other day. Later that day, a visitor to the library, Fay Maxwell, came in and, spotting them, was busy for several hours taking notes and making copies of material she found in them. The donations are:

Lancaster County Connections published by Hawbaker & Groff. Volume 4, Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4. Vol. 5 No. 1; **Codorus Chronicles** Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4; also the four numbers of Vol. II; four of Vol. III; four of Vol. IV, and Nos. 1 & 2 of Vol. V (198). **York County Pioneers from Friedelsheim und Gonheim** by Annette K. Burgert; **A Century of Emigrations from Affoltern am Albis, Canton Zurich, Switzerland**, also by Burgert; **South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's** No. 35, 1987. It contains "Poor Children named in the Tax Lists for 1811-1844 in York County Penna." by Aughenbach; another South Central G. S. Special No. 33, 1987, which has abstracts in the 1865 York County, Pa., Assessors Military Rolls; same organization's Special Publication No. 25, 1983, which has **Sundry Materials, Books II and V** by David Hively; **York County Inhabitants in 1779** by Iscrupe; **Ottawa County Ohio's Marshland to Heartland** Volume I, Nos. 1 & 2; **Schneider Connections**, Winter 1988; Newsletter of the **Historical & Genealogical Society of Indiana, Penna.** for Sept. and Nov. '87 and Feb. 1988; and the same society's **Queries and Surname Exchange**, six numbers from July 1986 through Jan. 1988.

Ms. Maxwell donated three of her own publications, viz., **Index to Thomas Summers History of Marietta; Northwest Territory, Washington County, Ohio 1800 Census Index; and Franklin County Ohio 1860 Mortality Index.** She indicated she has a fairly large library of books which she is considering bringing to us. We hope she will.

Hubert Meyers of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., sent us **Myers and Piefly Families of Hudson, N.Y.**, which he authored.

Pat Steikley, Urbana, Ill., donated two volumes, viz., **Mennonite Cyclopedia Dictionary & Biographies** by Kaufman (this was high on our wish list) and **History of Mennonites in Virginia, 1727 - 1900** by Brun.

Dr. William B. Saxbe, Oberlin, O., has given **Johann Genning**, Dr. Saxbe's compilation.

Warren Ziegler, Allentown, Pa., sent us two copies of his **Andreas Ziegler 1744-1800.**

Descendants of Christian and Anna Bauch was donated by Virginia Bouch, author.

Ruth Hall & Lucille O'Brien sent us **Detar** descendants.

A PALATINE GENEALOGY TOUR

Ernest Thode of Marietta, Ohio, is leading a tour of the Palatinate and nearby areas on a trip July 5 to 19, 1988. Mr. Thode led a group of twelve avid genealogy bugs last year who have become enthusiastic supporters for this follow-up. This year they will visit Frankfurt-am-Main, Ruedisheim, a Rhine Cruise, archives in Koblenz, the Kusel area with Lichtenstein fortress ruins, Kaiserslautern (Heimatstelle Pfalz), archives at Speyer, northern Alsace, archives at Karlsruhe, the Black Forest, Switzerland, also archives at Darmstadt and Stuttgart. Thode says "this is a tour especially for genealogists and we will literally go out of our way (within reason) to visit ancestral villages." If interested, write Ernest Thode, RR 7, Box 306, Kern Road, Marietta, Ohio, 45750-9437.

SWISS SEPTEMBER STUDY TOUR

Delbert Gratz leads a Swiss Mennonite Tour nearly every year. This year's, his 17th, is scheduled for September 13 to October 4. Not only will stops be made to Swiss Belfort, Montbeliard, The Jura, Schwarzenburg, The Emmenthal, Langnau, Bernese Oberland, Basel and Bienenberg, but also Alsatian Wissenbourg, Ste. Marie-aux-Nimes and Riquewih. There will be visits, too, to five German places, viz., Speyer, Worms, Kaiserslautern, Weierhof and Landau. Non-Mennonites are encouraged to join this study tour. Mr. Gratz can be contacted for more information at The Library, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, 45817, telephone 419/358-8015, ext. 271.

BARGAIN BOOKS

FROM OHIO CHAPTER'S STOCK

The following books are in stock at 339 Renner Hall, Capital University. They may be ordered by writing to Palatines To America, Box 101, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 43209. Please add \$2.00 per book for delivery and handling..

No. 399. **Brunswick Deserter- Immigrants of The American Revolution**, by Clifford Neal Smith. A Heritage House Publication, Thomson Ill. 1973. Soft bound in monograph style. A study of German mercenaries from the Duchy of Brunswick-Luneburg in the American Revolution. Original cost \$10.00. Sale price \$8.00.

No. 400. **19th Century Emigration from The Siegkrieze Nordheim-Westfall Germany, mainly to The United States**, by Clifford Neal Smith. A Westland publication, McNeal Ariz., 1980. Same monograph style. Indexed. Some German immigrants over the years from 1857 to 1889. Originally \$10.00. Sale price \$8.00.

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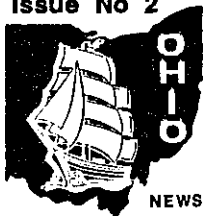
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