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AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Spring Conference of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America will be held in Columbus at the HOLIDAY INN, at the Columbus airport 750 Stelzer Road.

The featured speaker will be Dr. George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD. Dr. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He holds three doctoral degrees, a PhD in Chemistry, a PhD in Philosophy, and an ScD in History. He teaches and does research in these three disciplines. For many years, his hobby has been genealogy. He is an expert in military genealogy, genealogical sources and techniques, German genealogy, and in genealogical research in Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, North & South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and several professional societies. He is a member of The Association of Professional Genealogists, The Chicago Genealogical, and six regional genealogical societies. He is the author of 12 books on genealogy and is in the process of preparing three more.

Dr. Schweitzer will give three talks. The first talk (9:30-10:30 am) will be entitled TRACING GERMANS BACK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. This talk will discuss the use of resources here in the US for locating the exact place in the Germanic areas from which your ancestor came. Knowing the exact place is very important because German genealogical records are not centralized in Germany. The second talk (10:50-11:50 am) is entitled GERMAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH I, will begin a discussion of genealogical resources in Germany. a brief survey of Germanic history will be followed by a description of the major German surname reference works, German record depositories, and the most important record types (church, civil). The third talk (1:15-2:15 pm) is entitled GERMAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH II, and will describe numerous other record types available in Germany, and will discuss techniques for locating and obtaining records. Dr. Schweitzer has provided us with some valuable handouts for the meeting and will have his books available for sale during the meeting.

Plan now to attend this interesting conference. A short business meeting and election of officers for the coming year will also be held. A separate announcement giving full particulars of the meeting and a registration form will be sent to members prior to the conference.

PASS IT ALONG

When you receive your meeting notice and registration you will find there are two copies. One is for you and we hope you will fill it out and return it and attend the May Conference. The other copy is to pass along to someone who is interested in German Genealogy or to a library or other suitable bulletin board location. Feel free to make other copies for such publicity of our Chapter activities. You might send a copy to a newspaper in your area so that they can publish an announcement of the meeting.

We need better publicity for our meetings and other activities of Palatines to America. Your cooperation will help assure the success of our conferences and serve to increase our membership. The last report from our Registrar shows our membership now stands at 458 and we must improve on this! Better publicity is one way to accomplish our goal of obtaining more members in Palatines to America. Pass it along.

BOOK COMMITTEE

Jack Stierwalt has accepted the chairmanship of this committee. He has recommended that some books be removed from the inventory to make room for new books. The board has authorized sale of a number of books on Jacks' list at 30% of list price (70% off). Clearance of these books will enable us to purchase more new books for sale to the membership.

NEXT CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the board of the Ohio Chapter will be held March 24 at Capital University in the "Crusader Room" in the lower level of the Campus Center. Lunch in the cafeteria will follow the meeting. If any chapter members have questions or ideas for the board they should contact one of the officers prior to the meeting. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

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1990 NATIONAL CONVENTION, JUNE 21-23 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

This year the National Convention of Palatines to America will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan at Nazareth College. Registration will start at noon Thursday, June 21. The convention will end at 4:00pm on Saturday June 23. Registration for the two days (including room and board) will be \$95.00. all meals will be cafeteria style with the exception of the banquet which will be a buffet. Registration includes the Early Bird session on Thursday evening after the evening meal which is included in the registration.

Kalamazoo is easily accesible from any direction with major highways, railway access, Greyhound buses and plenty of parking at the college for those who decide to drive.

Speakers for the convention will be:

EARLY BIRD SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING: Dr. Charles Heller of Western Michigan University. Dr. Heller is a Professor of Geography and Aerial Photography.

AFTER BANQUET, FRIDAY EVENING: Richard Doherty of Troy, Michigan will give a talk entitled "Serendipity- A Light Hearted Look at Genealogy".

DURING THE CONVENTION: Other speakers will be: **John W. Heisey** of York, Pennsylvania who will give three talks during the convention, **Annete K. Burgert** of Myerstown, Pennsylvania will address the Convention. **Ernest Thode** of Marietta Ohio will speak on how to research German Archives. **Barbara Madison**, a Professional Genealogist will speak on how to research your family without leaving home. Her talk is entitled "COUCH GENEALOGY". **Carole Callard** of Ann Arbor, Michigan is the Special Collections Librarian at the Library of Michigan and will talk on "MIGRATIONS ALONG THE GRAND RIVER". **Nadine Messner-Loebs** will talk on how to get your records ready for publication. **Leona Janke** of Schoolcraft, Michigan will talk on "RUSSIAN GERMAN MIGRATION". **JoAnne Harvey** of Lansing, Michigan is a Professional Genealogist and will talk on what to do with your records when you are gone. **Mary Buesing** of St. Joseph, Michigan will discuss how to flesh out your records after you have the basic information. **Nancy Kelly** of New York will speak on "RESEARCHING YOUR GERMAN VILLAGE OF ORIGIN".

(from "MI -PAL NEWSLETTER January 1990)

NEW MEMBERS

Florence Beck

The November newsletter did not list new members in our chapter. We are pleased to welcome these new members who have joined our society since the August issue.

OHIO: Nancy **Hidinger**, Lexington; Jacqueline **Hildenbrand**, Maple Heights; F. Daniel **Knecht**, St. Bernard; Anson & Bette **Laufer**, Euclid; Linda **Oatley**, Greenwich; Susan Kay **O'Brien**, Chagrin Falls; James **Rowles**, Bloomdale; Earl **Royer**, Cuyahoga Falls; Mark & Delores

Williams, Bryan; Robert **Rau**, Cincinnati. From Columbus; Sue **Hageman**, Andrew **Hinkle**, Esther **Holben**, and Helen **Windmiller**. Thomas **Monroe**, Lakewood; Harry **Kilburger**, Lancaster; Louise **Smith**, Logan; Gerald C. **Hay Jr.**, Shaker Heights; Orié & Elinor **Loucks**, Oxford. Change of status **Elsie Ferguson**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Life Membership in the Ohio Chapter.

Our thanks to these members who have recently made monetary donations to the Ohio Chapter: **Elsie Ferguson**, **Elizabeth Harper**, **Esther Shepard**, **Donald Schuder** and **Hans Weintraut**.

LATIN ENDINGS ON GERMAN NAMES

by Ken Smith

Readers were reminded in my last article that German surnames can have grammatical endings. It is possible that German names that are of Latin origin or those that simply "look Latin" may take Latin case endings rather than German endings. Even given names may take Latin endings, although it is rare for given names of Germanic origin to take any kind of ending.

Possessive forms are the ones most commonly found, but dative forms may also occur. Any name that ends in "-us," such as Paulus, will take an "-i" ending for possessive and an "-o" ending for dative case. For example "the son of Johann Paulus" might be found as "Sohn des Johann Pauli." These endings tend to stand out, since German surnames do not commonly end in "-i" or "-o." Exceptions to this are Swiss surnames, which do frequently end in "-i," and those of French origin, which sometimes end with an "o" sound. The French names are usually spelled "-(e)au(x)," but the spelling is sometimes rendered by German pastors as "-o." Names that end in "-a" (and these are usually female given names) may take "-ae" in either the possessive or the dative. Names that end in "-es" (such as Johannes) may take "-is" as a possessive and "-i" as a dative ending.

Let's look at a more extensive example in the form of a hypothetical baptismal record. The parents are Matthaeus Schmidt and wife Anna Maria; the sponsor is Elisabeth Kuhn, daughter of the late Johannes Kuhn. Grammatical endings on names are underlined.

den 14. Nov. ist Elisabeth Katharina,
Tochter des Matthaej Schmidtj und seiner Ehefrau
Annae Mariae getauft worden. Gevatterin war
Elisabetha Kuhnin Tochter des seligen Johannij
Kuhnjen, gewessen Buergers alhier.

Note that the surnames here have all taken German German endings and that the given names have all taken Latin endings. You must recognize these as endings so that you don't assume them to be part of the name itself.

FLORENCE E. WENGER

Florence Edith Wenger died 12 December, 1989 in Missoula, Montana, following a heart attack. a graduate of Ohio State University she taught in Kent Ohio City schools and for several years at Kent State. Her husband, Roy Wenger, was Ohio Chapter President in fiscal 1983-1984.

HONORS AND AWARDS

FRED PALMER

Here's a chance to spotlight persons who have done an outstanding job for Palatines to America. Think a minute. Who is the dedicated person always willing to accept another responsibility? Who can always be relied on to get a job done? Who comes up with the creative ideas that make our society more interesting, efficient, or productive?

Please send us their names, list the jobs they have done, and state why you think they are special persons. The Honors and Awards Committee is looking for people to recognize at our June National Conference.

We have two categories of awards:

The HARVEY HARSH AWARD is given a member for dedication to the high standards set by Harvey Harsh, our third National President, who through his years of devotion, loyalty, and service to our society set an example of dedication which is our ideal. This award is not necessarily given every year, and never to more than one person in a year. Current national elected officers are not eligible. The winner of this very special award receives a certificate and life membership card in Palatines to America.

The CITATION AWARD is given for volunteer service on a sustained level during the preceding year in furtherance of the programs of the society. This is interpreted to mean service both to the Chapter to which the individual belongs and to the national society. Recipients, and there may be more than one in a year, receive a certificate.

Please send your nominations for these awards by 20 March 1990 to:

Honors and Awards Committee
c/o Fred S. Palmer
2436 Old National Pike
Middletown MD 21769

The Committee will consider all nominations, and make its recommendations to the National Governing Board.

INFORMATION SWAP

NEEDED: Accounts by German immigrants in family papers or county histories of the trip to the ports of embarkation in Germany, Holland, Belgium or France, in the period 1820-1860

IN EXCHANGE: (1) if you know the name of your ancestor's natal town or village, I will check it in the gazeteers at the Library of Congress for its exact location, 1870 population, present population and zip code. (2) If you know the natal village in Germany but are still searching for your ancestor's exact date of arrival in the USA, I will check that name in my card file of about 10,000 villages and towns given in the New York and New Orleans passenger lists as the birthplaces or last residences of German immigrants during the period 1820-1850.

If a particular town or village in Germany was so mentioned, the file specifies the vessel's name and date of arrival in either New York or New Orleans, which may give you a lead to the passenger list which has your ancestor's name on it. There are numerous entries for some places of origin, specify the year or years in which you are interested.

Dr. Richard B. Simons, 5205 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington, VA 22207

CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

ROBERT S. RUDY

Ohio Chapter President, Robert Schnetzer has appointed three persons to the nominating committee for the purpose of bringing a slate of proposed officers to be elected at the Spring Meeting. The committee consists of: Ted W. Cunningham, Margaret Dierenger, and Robert S. Rudy.

The committee is endeavoring to complete its slate in time for the next Board meeting on March 24. when a slate is of officers is prepared it is easy to overlook people who are interested enough in our Palatine society and who are able to serve the chapter in various offices. The committee earnestly seeks help from all members in filling the chapter offices. If you wish to propose a member for nomination (including yourself) please come forward and submit the name to the committee. All officers are elected for one year terms beginning June 1st. Officers are expected to attend Board of Directors meetings which are usually held in Columbus,

The offices and their duties are:

PRESIDENT Supervises the day to day operations of the society. Gives guidance to the Board of Directors in the operation of the chapter. Appoints committee members. Presides at the board meetings and at the two chapter meetings held each year.

VICE PRESIDENT Assists the President. Assumes his duties if necessary. Usually is asked to head an important committee.

SECRETARY Takes minutes of the two annual conferences and the board meetings. Distributes copies of the minutes, reminders of the next meetings time and location, and meeting agenda in a timely manner.

TREASURER Receives, deposits money of the chapter. Pays out authorized expenditures. Keeps accurate accounts of the financial status of the chapter and reports them at each board meeting and to the membership at the annual spring conference. Performs the duty of filling out tax forms.

REGISTRAR Maintains records of Ohio Chapter members from information supplied by the National Registrar. Makes a report of the membership status at each board meeting and the annual business meeting in the spring. Oversees production of up to date mailing labels. Reminds out of state Associate members when associate dues are payable.

MEMBERS AT LARGE Eight officers representing all geographical areas of Ohio. Attend board meetings. Advise the board and vote on proposed actions of the board. Usually asked to serve on committees.

To propose someone, or yourself, for these offices contact a nominating committee member. Robert S. Rudy Chairman. 1492 Guilford Rd., Columbus, OH 43221, Phone (614) 488-3545. Ted W. Cunningham, 101 1/2 E. Kibler St., Bluffton, OH 45817, Ph. (419) 358-1405. Margaret Dierenger, 138 South Fifth St. Greenfield, OH 45123. Ph.(513) 981-3149.

There are open places on committees waiting for volunteers. Let us know what you want to do!

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

New contributions to the PAL AM library are:

THE OHIO OPEN RECORDS LAW AND GENEALOGY ,
By Ann Fenley. *Donated by Dr. J Terrence Golden*
INDEX TO CHURCH RECORDS APPEARING IN
PENN-PAL Published by PA. Chapter PAL AM. *Donated*
by Beverly Boehl .

DECIPHERING THE CHURCH RECORDS OF
GERMANY *Donated by Beverly Boehl .*

GERMAN GENEALOGICAL DIGEST INDEX 1985-1988
comp. by L. K. Ferguson & A. L. Kowallis
Donated by Joyce Thompson

MAGAZINE OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY, publisher, The
Virginia Genealogical Soc. VOL 22 1984 thru VOL 25
1987 (4 issues & 3 indexes) *Donated by Patricia Stickley*

PENNSYLVANIA MENNONITE HERITAGE VOL I 1978
thru VOL V 1982 (17 issues) *Donated by Patricia Stickley*
VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY
VOL 14 1976 thru VOL 21 1983 (32 issues, 1 index)

Donated by Patricia Stickley

GENEALOGICAL GUIDE- GERMANIC ANCESTORS
FROM EAST GERMANY AND EASTERN EUROPE
Author English Edition, Agoff-Wagweiser. *Donated by*
Joyce Thompson

RECORD KEEPING AND ARCHIVES IN WEST
GERMANY. Author, Maralyn A. Wellauer. *Donated by*
Joyce Thompson.

NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES

by Arta F. Johnson

Newspaper obituaries can be an excellent source of genealogical information, particularly during the period between the Civil War and World War I. I have seen obituaries that included the birth date and birthplace of the deceased, name, birth date and birthplace of the spouse, date and place of the marriage, names (with spouses) of all their children, and a list of relatives who came to the funeral. For those born in Europe, also the exact village and the year of immigration can sometimes be found.

There are two sources for finding the name of a newspaper, its dates of publication, and where copies may be found.

For English-language papers: Gregory, Winifred B.

American Newspapers, 1821-1936: A Union List of Files

For German-Language newspapers, church and club publications, periodicals: Arndt, Karl & May Olson

German-American Newspapers & Periodicals, 1732-1955

Both are organized by state, and the counties within the states. The German-language publications often have more detail; names, dates, places are recognizable even without a knowledge of German.

For Pennsylvania, this title in addition: Hocker, Edward W.
Genealogical Data Relative to German Settlers of Pennsylvania, 1743-1800

This book contains a variety of items culled from newspapers of that time period, and is fascinating reading.

All three of these sources are in the Ohio Historical Society Library, 1-71 & 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

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NEW ORLEANS as an IMMIGRATION PORT 1820-1860

Dr. Richard B. Simons, Arlington, Virginia

Before the completion in the 1850's of the railroads linking the east coast ports with the midwest, the Mississippi river system was the chief artery of mid-continent transportation for passengers as well as freight. As cotton plantations were developed in the southern states bordering on the river, New Orleans became this nation's largest exporter of cotton to Europe. The vessels carrying cotton from New Orleans to Liverpool, LeHavre and Bremen returned with immigrants, and from 1837 to 1860 the number of aliens debarking at New Orleans surpassed those arriving in Baltimore, Philadelphia, or Boston. For nearly a quarter of a century, New Orleans ranked second only to New York as an immigration port.

The approximate number of immigrants (of all nationalities) arriving at New Orleans were:

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| 1820-1835 | an average of about | 2,000 per year |
| 1836-1840 | an average of about | 5,000 per year |
| 1841-1845 | an average of about | 9,200 per year |
| 1846-1850 | an average of about | 30,200 per year |
| 1851-1855 | an average of about | 39,600 per year |
| 1856-1860 | an average of about | 15,200 per year |

Passenger traffic on the Mississippi was disrupted by the Civil War, and never recovered its importance afterward because of the superior speed and lower cost of travel by railroad.

Where did the New Orleans immigrants settle? Very few of the lists give town names as their specific destinations; a larger number give the river ports or the names of the states to which they were headed. From the latter it is clear that the states of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin were the most popular destinations in the 1830's and 1840's, with lesser numbers going to Indiana and Ohio.

Family researchers who know that their ancestors came to the USA in the period 1820-1860 but have not been able to find them on the passenger lists for New York or Baltimore, may have better luck with New Orleans. These passenger lists are indexed, albeit with many omissions. If you can't find your ancestors names in the New Orleans index but you know the year of their arrival, it is feasible to scan the microfilm for that year, concentrating on the lists for vessels arriving from European ports. It's worth a try.

Sources:

1. Robert G. Albion, The Rise of New York Port, 1815-1860 (Charles Scribners Sons, New York, 2nd printing 1970), the statistical appendices, pp. 389-393, 399-404, 416-418.

2. U.S. National Archives, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving in New Orleans, 1820-1902 (Microcopy 259, Wash. DC. 1958

3. U.S. National Archives, Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving Atlantic and Gulf Ports, 1820-1874

(Microcopy 334, Washington D.C. , 1960)

EARLY GERMAN SETTLER IN FRANKLINTON

by Ira W. Simons

My uncle once said "only a Jackass dosen't care who his ancestors were". I suppose there are many reasons that start a person on the unending search for ancestors. In my case it was my Maternal Grandmother who planted the seeds that led to my being involved in genealogy many years later. She took great pride in relating to me that her Great grandmother was from one of the first families that settled in Franklinton. She told me they owned the farmland the Ohio State Capital is built on, a Deardorff was the first postmaster of Franklinton and operated the toll gate on Lucas Sullivants bridge over the Scioto.

It was after my grandmothers death in 1964 that I started to look into the glories of her Deardorff Family. Her oral traditions were true, at least in part. Early in my search I had the good fortune to meet a direct descendant of Lucas Sullivant who laughed when I told him the story of owning the land. I was advised that Lucas Sullivant had set aside land for the capital to be built on in Franklinton. This was several miles further west on Broad Street than where the Capital now stands. Among the inducements Sullivant gave to early settlers was permission to farm the land that Lucas Sullivant set aside as the "Capital Grounds" until such time as the Capital was to be built. Of course Columbus came on the scene and Sullivants' planned capital was never built.

My next discovery was more shocking. Mary Jane Deardorff did not marry Joseph Davidson until a year after my Grandmother's mother Hannah was born! Further research showed that Joseph Davidson was married to Elizabeth Pope who died shortly after Hannah was born and he remarried to Mary Jane Deardorff. I suspect my grandmother never knew this but her pride in the Deardorff Family got me started doing genealogies.

In 1797 Lucas Sullivant planned the town of Franklinton at the junction of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers. The two main streets were named after American heroes. Washington Street is now called Sandusky St., Franklin which is now called West Broad Street. Another street was called Gift Street because Sullivant offered free lots there as an inducement to settle there. On other streets lots were sold at prices from twenty-five cents to over thirty dollars.

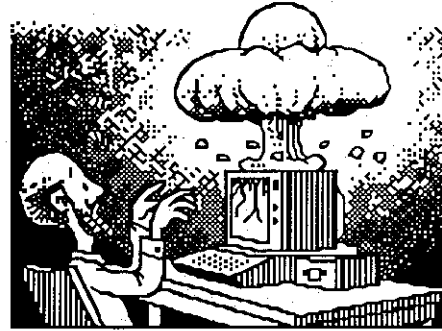
I have traced the Deardorffs back to Antony Dirdorff who was born in Germany and died about 1747 in Amwell New Jersey. His great-grandson, Abraham Deardorff, left Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1798 accompanied by his 13 year old son David. They procured ten acres of land and Sullivant gave them a lot on Gift Street. They cleared land, planted crops and built a crude shelter. Abraham went back to Pennsylvania to get his wife Katherine (Bowersmith) and their children. They arrived in Franklinton in October 1798.

The Deardorffs bui. their original log cabin on Gift Street in the fall of 1798. That house no longer stands but Abrahams son David built his own two story log cabin

nearby in 1807. This building still stands at 72 South Gift Street in Columbus. Built of good hardwood logs it was sheathed over with clapboard around 1870. It is currently rather derelict and is in the custody of the Franklin County Historical Society. Columbus artist Bill Arter made a sketch of the house about 1968 and it is in one of his books. On the 20th of October 1980 the Columbus Citizen ran a photo of it as an "eyesore" without explaining its significance. I hope it will be restored to remind us of our heritage and the early settler of German descent who built it.

I have not established the reason for the Deardorffs immigration however they came to the US during a period when many Germans were tired of military conscription.

PALATINE PUBLISHING PANIC



There is nothing like having a computer "bomb" on you. It happened during the production of the November Newsletter. I had been having some strange problems for several weeks. Things

really got bad just as I thought I was ready to publish. Computers are a wonderful time saving device when running smoothly-when not running well chaos ensues. The editing of the November issue of Heritage was an example of not running well. The issue was finally checked, proofed and all in order. I instructed the computer to "save", it promptly indicated a "bomb", system error it said, can't open program. It also said it was sorry which gave me little solace. Start again, assemble news from back up disc with individual items-two days later finished and nearly ready to print and 'BOMB' ❁❁❁!! Sorry!. Third time through -same result except this time the "bomb" showed up at the printers, his system was virus protected and showed I was infected. Of course I was back at square one-start over after first spending four days irradicating the Virus which had evidently been in the system for several months and was on all my discs. The Virus is called "SCORE" which eats away the memory of the computer. I probably picked it up at the printer several months previously. When I go to the printer now I go with a "locked disc". I also have a virus check program which is used on all incoming discs. If you use a computer be advised to take these precautions, I do, I don't want to assemble a newsletter four times to get one out!

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LIBRARY; The library is located in the Ohio Chapter office in room #339, Renner Hall at the SE corner of Main St. and College Ave. on the Capital University campus. The library is open each Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Other hours subject to advance confirmation with S. Jean Hall.

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