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## Spring Conference-Informative, delightful and entertaining CONFERENCE REPORT

It might seem a heresy to say that a genealogical conference was delightful and entertaining, informative is a fitting description, but delightful and entertaining? Sounds frivolous doesn't it? At the very least improbable, Never the less all the descriptions are applicable to the May 5 conference held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Columbus. Informative is the prime description.

The speaker for all three sessions of the day's conference was Herr Doctor George Schweitzer and the topics were "TRACING GERMANS BACK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC" concerning the use of resources here in the U.S., "GERMAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH I" a discussion of genealogical resources in Germany and "GERMAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH II" covering other record types available in Germany and techniques for locating records. For the most dedicated genealogist a day of discussing Archival information and its whereabouts can be pretty heavy going and soporific. As we approached the conference in the chill rainy morning I thought-"I hope he will have slides".

When Ernest Thode introduced the speaker he was nowhere in sight. From the rear of the audience came a strong voice with a "German" accent introducing himself as "herr"- (I'm sorry not to remember the assumed name). The audience turned to see a colorful character in an old fashioned German costume, hat with a feather plume, grey jacket, short pants, redstockings and a red necktie striding up the aisle and starting to deliver the first topic of the day. This was, of course, Dr. Schweitzer. The first hour went quickly. Dr. Schweitzer was constantly on the move, front to rear, aisle to aisle, delivering a vast amount of information on the subject matter with great good humor never losing character and with a voice that projected so well that a microphone was not necessary. The only comparison I can make is to the Danish comedian, Victor Borge. The important thing is that this in no way diminished the quantity and quality of information being given to us.

The pace was maintained in all respects for the following two sessions with Dr. Schweitzer assuming a different character and costume for each session. Dr. Schweitzer's broad knowledge of his subject was clear as he readily fielded questions from the gathering after each session. It was an excellent presentation in every respect. Don't miss Dr. Schweitzer when he speaks again.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a good lunch at the Inn a brief business meeting was held and officers of the chapter for the coming fiscal year were elected. The nominating committee was chaired by Robert S. Rudy and included Margaret Dierenger and Ted W. Cunningham. The slate presented was one nominee for each post and the nominees were the incumbent officers plus two new members at large to fill posts that were created at our last annual meeting. These new nominees were; Elva Kluener of Cincinnati and Ron Stimmel of Kettering. There was no response to the request for additional nominees from the floor and the slate was elected unanimously. The names, addresses and phone numbers of the officers for fiscal 1990-1991 can be found on the last page of this issue.

President Schnetzer reported that 118 persons were in attendance at the conference. this was a very good turnout especially considering that when the registration deadline came approximately 70 members had registered. There were many new faces and Mr. Schnetzer attributed this to the publicity and to the efforts of the new board members at large. President Schnetzer made a plea for more volunteers. Ernest Thode is especially in need of assistance in the area of getting out publicity to all parts of the state.

President Schnetzer announced that he asked Dr. Schweitzer to be a speaker at the 1993 National Conference of Palatines to America which will be hosted by the Ohio Chapter and held at Capital University.

Attendees were advised there would be a Chapter Board meeting immediately after the afternoon session and that all members were invited to attend

MEMBERSHIP: Registrar, Florence Beck, reported the chapter membership is rising. We currently have 453 memberships in the Ohio Chapter with 87 of these being family memberships giving us a total count of 540. President Schnetzer commented that the records show the membership declining in our metropolitan area but growing in areas of the state where we have new board members at large.

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## AWARDS

*Robert S. Rudy*

From time to time this chapter has recognized dedication and merit on the part of certain members with a certificate of "Outstanding Achievement". These certificates are awarded "in recognition of meritorious service and support to the principles and goals of the Ohio Chapter of the Palatines to America. The awards were presented by President Schmetzer to three members.

**Eleanor Brucken.** Our Secretary's devotion has given us timely notices of meetings of the board and splendid minutes and reports. She shows her interest by coming regularly to board meetings from her home in Brecksville on Fridays, so she may be on time Saturday mornings.

**Clara Harsh.** Treasurer, for her service as Chapter Treasurer and her considerable work in clarifying our Tax Exempt status. She participates very calmly but forcefully in discussions at our board meetings. She is able, cheerful and dedicated to our society

**Ira W. Simons.** Editor of the Palatine Heritage Newsletter. He does his job extremely well putting out the issues on schedule and has improved the technical aspects of the newsletter. He volunteers for other chapter activities and is a great supporter of Palatines to America

The award was initiated in May 1986. Honorees that year were; Dr. Geart Droege, Jean Hall, Paul Millikin, Florence Beck, Ernest Thode and Lois Rudy (deceased).

In May of 1987 the award was presented to; Robert Schmetzer, Phil Beltz, Robert S. Rudy and Dr. Helen Wikoff.

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

AMERICAN MIGRATION PATTERNS, Family History World, *donor, ROBERT S. RUDY*

CONFEDERATE RESEARCH SOURCES, A GUIDE TO ARCHIVE COLLECTIONS, Author James C. Neagles, *Donor, The Ohio Chapter PAL-AM*

EARLY OHIO SETTLERS, PURCHASERS OF LAND, Authors Ellen Thomas Berry/ David A. Berry. *Donor GEN. PUB. CO./REVIEW*

GERMAN INTEREST GROUP-NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE OCT 1989. German Interest Group. *Donor German Interest Group*

HOW TO LOCATE ANYONE WHO IS OR HAS BEEN IN THE MILITARY, Lt. COL. Richard S. Johnson. *Donor Joyce Thompson*

IMMIGRATION DIGEST #4 THRU #7 Author Arlene H. Eakle. *Donor Robert S. Rudy*

PAYNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY / VOL. 4 #3. Same. *Donor same*

PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE GERMAN COLLECTION. Roger H. Haigh-Gen. Soc. Utah. *Donor Robert S. Rudy*

WHATS IN A NAME?.. EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW. Leonard R. N. Ashley. *Donor GEN PUB CO/Review*

YORKER PALATINE/NEWSLETTER OCT 1989. N.Y. Chapter Palatines to America. *Donor same*

THE PALATINE EDICKS AND RELATED FAMILIES. Mary Mann Philpot / Mildred Kast Conrad. *Donor Evelyn*

*Charlebois*

HISTORY OF THE NM ST ORG. NAT. SOC. DAR VOL III. Same. *Donor Ada V. Vester*

NEW MEXICO DAR LINEAGE BOOK. NM ST OR Nat Soc DAR. *Donor Ada V. Vester*

THE BUSH-MEETING DUTCH QUARTERLY VOL I ISSUE #1,,2,3,4 1984, VOL II ISSUE #2,3,4 1985, VOL III ISSUE #2, 4 1986 Editor Dr. David Koss. *Donor Darrell Tussing*

SIGMUND FAMILY OF PHILADELPHIA. Nancy E. Sigmund Schanes. *Donor Nancy E. Sigmund Schanes*

OHIO 1810 TAX DUPLICATE (1976) Dr. Gerald M. Petty. *Donor Estate of G. M. Petty*

A HISTORY OF THE HAPSBURG EMPIRE 1526-1918. Robert A. Kann. *Donor Robert & Clara Harsh*

BOUNDS OF LOYALTY-GERMAN AMERICANS AND WORLD WAR I. Frederick C. Luebke. *Donor Robert & Clara Harsh*

PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX 1983 SUPPLEMENT. P. Wm. Filby. *Donor Robert & Clara Harsh*

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. ED. Wm. Morris. *Donor Robert & Clara Harsh*

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WESTERN PA GEN. SOC. QUARTERLY VOL 15 #4. Same. *Donor Same*

SADLER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 1789-1989. Elmer W. Orwig. *Donor Gateway Press Inc.*

KURPFALZISCHE AUSWANDERER VOM UNTERNECKAR. Hacker Von Werner

SCHOENAU / PFALZ AUS DER GESCHICHTE EINES GRENZDORFES. Wolfgang Schultz. *Donor Dorothy Meyer*

300 JAHRE PFALZER IN AMERICA. Roland Paul. *Donor Roland Paul*

CORDORUS AUG, NOV, 1988, FEB 1989 VOL 6 #1,2,3 Cordorus Society. *Donor Craig Bailey*

LANCASTER CONNECTIONS VOL 5 #2,3,4 VOL 6 #1,2,3 Gary Hawbaker. *Donor Craig Bailey*

OUR NAME'S THE SAME NL S. CENTRAL PA. S. Central Pa Gen Soc Inc. *Donor Craig Bailey*

YORK CO, PA LAND APPRAISEMENT 1835-1859 SPE. PUB. #38. Co. Commissioners. *Donor Craig Bailey*

ABSTRACTS OF UNRECORDED WILLS YORK CO. PA 1749-1798 #40. S. CENTRAL PA GEN. SOC. INC. *Donor Craig Bailey*

THE SWISS CONNECTION. Ruth Harbecke Jewett. *Donor Robert Schmetzer*

FAMILY DISEASES: ARE YOU AT RISK? By Myra Vanderpool Gorley. *Donor Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore Maryland*

ANCESTORS OF IRA W. GIBBEL *Donor Ira W Gibbel*

OHIO 1810 TAX DUPLICATES; Alphabetical list of names of taxpayers. Compiler, Dr. Gerald M. Petty. 1976 *Donor; Estate of Dr. Gerald M. Petty*

## NOTES ON THE IMMEL BROTHERS

*Richard Baker Simons  
Arlington, Virginia, June 1989*

In the 18th and 19th centuries the family was of course the primary unit of social support. Probably that is the reason that our ancestors came to this country in groups: three brothers and six sisters in the Peter Simonis family, and three brothers in the Mathias Simonis branch of the family. It is not surprising therefore to find that in our Immel ancestry, Johannes (father of of Captain Leonard Immel) was not the only emigrant in his immediate family. In fact there were three Immel brothers who came to the colony of Pennsylvania in the second quarter of the 18th century: Michael and Leonard arrived in 1732; Johannes, their younger brother, arrived in 1741. According to Velma B. Keller's *IMMEL AND IMEL FAMILIES IN AMERICA*, they came from Rothenburg on the Tauber, Germany. Other records indicate Wernitz, Rothenburg on the Tauber.

Rothenburg is an old walled town located about 80 miles southeast of Frankfurt am Main. Chartered as an independent city state in 1247, it was a place of some importance in the Middle Ages, as the site of an annual international trade fair, and as stopover on the pilgrimage route to Rome from northern Germany and Scandinavia. It lost those economic functions in the 16th century, when improvements in ships and navigation shifted international commerce to the sea lanes and the coastal ports of Europe, and the Reformation brought an end to the flow of pilgrims to Rome from Northern Europe. The population of the town became predominantly Protestant, and its location on the border of Catholic Bavaria gave it certain strategic importance in the religious/political conflict of the Thirty Years War. In recognition of that, in 1648 the Treaty of Westphalia confirmed its status as an imperial, free city-state, governed by its burghers and landowners, not ruled by a feudal lord. Economically, however, Rothenburg became "fossilized"; it had enough income as the market town for its surrounding "county" to keep things up, but it did not grow so there was no occasion to tear down the city walls or replace or enlarge the Medieval buildings. In 1803, Rothenburg was awarded to Bavaria by the "Committee for the Reorganization of the Reich" (which eliminated most of the small "states" in Germany). That did not change the economic situation, and Rothenburg was by-passed when the German railroad network was built in the mid 19th century. Today, Rothenburg (population 12,000) remains one of the best preserved Medieval/ Renaissance towns in West Germany, and is a major tourist attraction.

The economic stagnation of the city-state of Rothenburg, and the tracts appealing for settlers that were circulated in the Rhine valley by William Penn, probably were major factors in the decision of the Immel brothers to emigrate. As to their personal situation, we know that the Immels were peasants, probably freeholders (71% of Rothenburg's farmland is till is in small and medium holdings). We do not know how much land the Immels owned, nor with how many siblings

the brothers had to share it. What is reasonably certain is that all three of them were literate, as evidenced by their ability to sign their names on the Oaths of Allegiance and the Oaths of Abjuration required of all immigrants by the colony of Pennsylvania upon their arrival at the port of Philadelphia.

In the 18th century, the trip from Germany to America was long and fraught with hardships. Road travel was slow and rough because highway surfaces were poor. Travel on the Rhine and its tributaries (the Neckar, Main and Tauber, for example) was by sailboat, and was made even slower by the time consumed at the more than 20 compulsory stops between Mainz and the Dutch border to pay tolls and custom duties. On the ocean leg of the journey there were no maritime regulations specifying the amount of deck space per passenger, or limiting their numbers according to the cargo capacity of the vessel (as was done in the 19th century). So once at Rotterdam, the usual port of embarkation, steerage passengers were packed into small ships (average cargo capacity about 250 tons). Leonard and Michael Immel embarked at Rotterdam on the ship *Pennsylvania Merchant*, in company with 69 other men and 98 women and children, a total of 169 immigrants on one small vessel. The British Navigation Laws required all vessels to visit a British port before proceeding to the thirteen colonies. So the *Pennsylvania Merchant* touched at Plymouth enroute to the port of Philadelphia, where it arrived on September 11, 1732 (or, more precisely, on that date the immigrants took the required Oath of Allegiance to King George).

Johannes Immel's voyage to America illustrates an important aspect of 18th century commerce, the sugar trade with the West Indies. He also embarked at Rotterdam, on the *Snow Frances and Ann* of Philadelphia registry, Thomas Coatam, master. ("Snow" was a small two masted vessel with a spar abaft the mainmast to carry a small triangular sail when hove-to in a storm). From Rotterdam the *Frances and Ann* sailed to the leeward Island of St. Christopher, to deliver goods for the planters, and take on a cargo of sugar and molasses, then on to Philadelphia, where Johannes took the Oath of Allegiance on May 30, 1741. When he joined his brothers in Lancaster County, where they had settled on what was then the frontier, we can be sure he had some stories to tell--of the blazing tropical sun, the palm trees of "St. Kitts", and what tourist brochures now describe as the picturesque harbor of Basseterre. Johannes' voyage took place before the start of the hurricane season, but it must not have been a pleasure cruise for steerage passengers aboard such a small vessel. Presumably it was the space requirements of the cargo that limited their number to 15; but probably it was the hardships of a tropical voyage that explains why they were all men--no women and children.

Johannes Immel married Anna Barbara Bayer in the Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania 26 May 1742 shortly after settling in Lancaster County and had three sons; John Paul, 20 Sept. 1743, John, 23 Oct. 1744. The youngest, Leonard, was born 14 October 1747 and served during the Revolutionary War in the Pennsylvania

Militia. In 1777 he was elected a Captain, and through 1781 was a commander of the 6th Company of Lancaster County's 1st Battalion. His unit was called to service with Washington's army three times, for a total of about 6 months; he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and for several months was at Valley Forge. We know little else about his service, except that his company had one of the best records in the battalion of having men present for active duty in 1780 and 1781. In 1782 he transferred to the 2nd Battalion and was again elected Captain. Not being disabled by wounds, he was not eligible for a pension until after the national debt (incurred during the Revolution and the War of 1812) had been paid off in 1832. From 1831 until his death eight years later on June 2nd 1839 he received a pension of \$120 a year, a tardy but (for the period) generous recognition for his Revolutionary war Service

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Editors note; Captain Leonard Immel is one of the ancestors of Dr. Richard B., Simons

### COMING MEETINGS

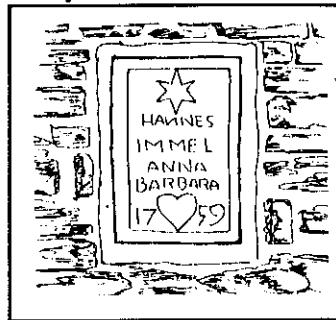
June 21-23 NATIONAL SOCIETY PAL AM,  
Nazareth College, Kalamazoo, MI ,  
AUG 2 OHIO CHAPTER BOARD meeting. 9:30 AM.  
"Crusader Room" Campus Center, Capital  
University. All Ohio members welcome to attend"  
Lunch in cafeteria after meeting.

OHIO CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE. SEP 22  
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS  
Mark this date on your calender!. Program will  
be announced in next issue of the *Heritage*

## THE IMMEL HOUSE

Ira W. Simons

The house built in 1759 by Johannes Immel and his wife, Barbara, still stands near Meyerstown, Pennsylvania. It is a quaint, old world-looking house built of limestone with a very Germanic sandstone date stone with the inscription



"Hannes Immel, Anna Barbara, 1759", the stone has a star and heart on it. The house is well maintained and stands on a 160 acre farm. It created quite a stir among local historical societies when a beverage packaging firm bought the farm to raze the house and build a plant.

Dorothy Harman, a descendant of Immel, tells me that efforts of the historical society saved the building but the plant was built on the farm. The owners at the time of the sale were John and Elizabeth Zimmerman. The house was built on land owned by the Weirich family and there is some conjecture that Johannes may have been married to Barbara Weirich. The record of Johannes' wife Barbara Lei does not appear before the date 1766. The house was described by the Rev. P. C. Croll in his "Land Marks of the Lebanon Valley". The house is of rubble lay limestone with arches above the windows and originally had hand made clay tiles on its steeply pitched roof reminiscent of european construction. The chimney is central and the front door is a double hung "Dutch door" very Rhenish in style. The house has a wooden addition on the western side which was added in 1844.

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### NEW MEMBERS

Florence Beck, Registrar

The Ohio Chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members.

DOROTHY V. CASH, Springfield; CHARLES ECKEL, Columbus; RANDELL S. HOFF, Columbus; BARBARA LINDSEY, Beavercreek; H. JUHLING McCLUNG; Blacklick; BETH TITER, Springfield; VELMA TUSING, Middletown; MARY VASSEUR, Springfield. Ohio members from out of state are: EUGENE A. THOMAS, Boulder CO.; JANIS W. REISTER, Hillsdale MI; MARITA HUBER-KENNEDY, Independence MO; CARL B. ALBERT, McAlester OK; RAY CARLISLE, Huntsville AL; MRS. R. C. RIDELL, Westminster CO; FLORENCE STOUT, Lombard IL; Dr. JAN L. WOMER, Hoffman Estates, IL; CAROL McKENZIE, York, NE; FRANKLIN & BELVA RYMON, NJ; MILFORD & MARY FRANCES DICKERSON, Austin, TX; JAMES J. BAUMAN, JOHN H. JOHNSON, both from Jeffersonston VA.

## OHIO CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR FISCAL 1990-1991

*(Officers addresses & phone numbers on back page.)*

**ROBERT F. SCHNETZER**, Columbus, President. Bob Schnetzer has been a member of Palatines To America since October 1982. Since then he has served the Ohio Chapter in many ways. Among them are Vice-president, chairman of By-laws Revision Committee, the Nominations Committee and the Ohio Chapter's National Meeting committee in 1985. He is a first generation German-American. He has cousins and other kin over there. His families he would like to know more about are Dauer, Kirch, Schöenberg and of course, Schnetzer. This past year he has served us as President and has introduced several new concepts. He says he hopes that this year will see greater numbers of members participating in the business of the chapter.

**DOROTHY LIMBACH**, Yellow Springs, Vice-president. Dorothy's membership dates from 1978. She served several years as Secretary and during those years regularly wrote reports of our meetings for the newsletter, *Heritage*. This past year she has served the Ohio Chapter as Vice-president. She is an active member of The Greene County chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and also The Miami Valley Chapter. Her particular family genealogical interests are with her Limbach and Niemoeller families. She says she hopes our society may increase what she calls "visibility" during this coming year.

**FLORENCE BECK**, Columbus, Membership Registrar. Her membership dates from 1977 and she is one of the busiest octogenarians we have known. She first served as an officer for the chapter in 1980. In 1982 she was elected to the above Registrar's office and has earned reelection every year since. She serves on the library committee and will be found every other Wednesday at the library in Renner Hall on the Capital University campus. Her family name interests are chiefly Ziegler and Comes. There are, of course, many others.

**ELEANOR BRUCKEN**, Brecksville, Secretary. She is a 1983 enrollee in our society. Her travels have taken her to Transylvania to research her Bruckner family. She, too, has worked on her husband's Brucken family line. Eleanor serves as a volunteer for The Westsem Reserve's Genealogy Committee and is a volunteer in their library. Ellie Brucken served this chapter as a Board Member-at-large before being elected Secretary a year ago.

**CLARA HARSH**, Columbus, Treasurer. Clara and her husband Dr. Robert Harsh joined us in 1978. She served on the Annual Meeting Committees for both the 1982 and 1985 meetings of National Palatines To America held at Capital University. She collaborated with Dr. Harsh in publishing a gigantic Harsh family genealogy book from materials collected by Rev. Harvey Harsh, National President, before his death in 1983. Mrs. Harsh was elected chapter Treasurer in 1986 and has served with distinction in that capacity throughout the years. Clara hopes the chapter can develop area meetings around the state with local speakers. She sees a need for long range planning. Also National Treasurer.

**MARGARET DIERINGER**, Greenfield, Board Member-at-large. Margaret was one of the charter members of Palatines To America. PAL-AM was organized at Columbus during July 1975. At one time she was Secretary for the national society. She presently serves on their Nominating Committee. Mrs. Dieringer also is serving on the Board of The Ohio Genealogical Society. She was first elected this chapter's Member-at-large position in 1989. Her main German family name interests are Mumma, Houpp and Groff.

**DR. PAUL JONES**, Zanesville Member-at-large. Dr. and Mrs. Jones joined the society four years ago in 1986. He is a Medical Doctor. They have attended several national meetings and he has served as Member-at-large for a year. He suggests that we might have wider appeal if we can publicize that we do not restrict membership to the Palatinate descendants. He is a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society and Mrs. Jones, Carolyn, holds a membership in First Families. They also have memberships in the Muskingum County Chapter of OGS.

**ELVA KLUENER**, Cincinnati Member-at-large. She and her husband's membership date from 1981. She retired from a position at the University of Cincinnati and there became interested in Genealogy. This interest took her on forays to the DAR Library and The National Genealogical Society Library, both at Washington D. C. She relates she has had fine success with her Pennsylvania and New York ancestors, but has had trouble finding her Swiss and Scotch Irish families. Her husband's research has taken his family back to Germany as far as those records go.

**JAMES OVERHULS**, Norwalk, Member-at-large. He has been a member since 1985. He is a member of the Huron County chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Furthermore he is Treasurer of the Firelands Historical Society. His ancestor family interests include the Overholzers of Switzerland and Virginia. Also Berks County Pennsylvania families of Amsbaugh, Batdorf, Schaffer and Reed.

**ALICE SHAFFER**, Bryan, Member-at-large. Mrs. Shaffer's membership dates from 1985. She is a member of The Ohio Genealogical Society for which she is Registrar of their First Families of Ohio section. Williams County and Crawford County chapters of that society also count her as a member. Her family interests include Shaffer, Miller and Werder of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

**GLENN STANHOPE**, Chillicothe, Member-at-large. He is a 1982 member. Glenn is also a member of the SAR. He believes we should be giving more publicity for the meetings and promises to hand out 5 or 6 copies of meeting notices. His family names he is interested in include Dunker, Stanhope and Yapple in Montgomery and Miami counties.

**RONALD G. STIMMEL**, Kettering, Member-at-large. A member since 1978 Ron Stimmel is retired from the Airforce Avionics Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Airforce Base. He was an Electronics Engineer. Ron has a wide range of interests such as umpiring athletic contests and in addition to membership in this society he has membership in the Ohio Genealogical Society and its Franklin County chapter. He belongs to First Families of Franklin County. He owns a computer and offers to help with publicity if called upon.

**DARRELL TUSSING**, Weston Ohio in the northwestern part of the state. Member-at-large. During his first year on the board he was active in spreading information about this society, and it has borne fruit. His membership dates from 1983. He suggests that the chapter offer service to people who are contemplating throwing away old files of papers. His families he is currently searching for include his Tussing family and also Biller and Silvius.

**TED W. CUNNINGHAM** of Bluffton, Past President. Ted ably directed the chapter during his two year tenure and actively pursued the purchase of the computer, and correction of our bylaws. He attends all board meetings. He is also National Vice President.

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