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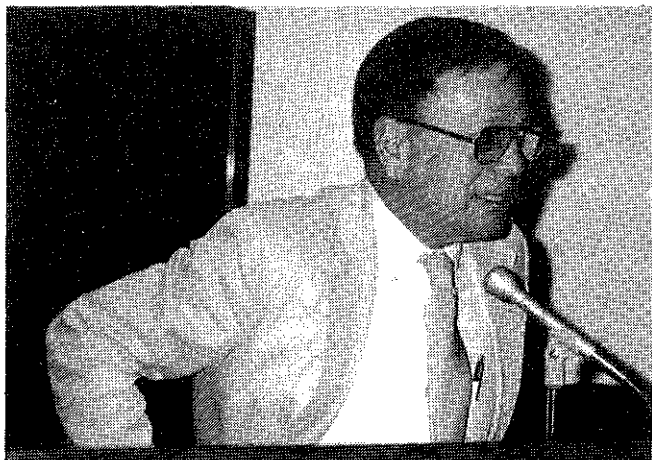
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Robert F. Schnetzer*

In a recent article the Wall Street Journal cited an increase in the number of people engaged in volunteer work. This revelation was also published in the Columbus Dispatch a day or so later and I would assume that other regional newspapers may have also published these findings.

Each week our parish bulletin contains a flier called "Androgogy" ("the art of helping adults learn") the author claims to have earned a S.T.D. (Doctor of Sacred Theology). In one issue, this author takes caustic issue with a Chicago Tribune article citing the American Academy of Pediatrics who conducted a study concluding that "TV viewing (is) linked to childhood obesity". The Androgogy author observes that the pediatricians who conducted this study "belong to the generation that gave rise to the couch potato and twice...elected Nixon". He then cites another publication's (Commonwealth-sic) article on the premise of which he apparently embraces that this viewing is "totally passive" and that the latest technology used by the kids (Nintendo) will solve the problem because the kids can "talk back to the set". I am uncertain just what this has to do with religion, but as for genealogy, bear with me.

Our Society will someday be in trouble. I suspect all organizations that depend on volunteers will be in trouble. I belong to a service club that five years ago had over seventy members and could expect a 90% to 95% participation for our fund raising activities. Today, there are about forty-eight members with approximately 25% to 30% participation. A

speaker at a recent meeting cited our oldest active member (77) and youngest (30). The oldest, a charter member of our twenty-nine year old club, was forty-eight when the club was formed. The thirty year old will be fifty-nine in twenty-nine years. The average age of the present membership is well over fifty-five. Where will this club be in twenty-nine years considering the diminishing rate of members who will carry out it's projects? How will our Society survive based on this same analogy?

Ah, you say, our Chapter membership is 582. No record, but a good average.

This I will concede. But to return to the opening paragraph. What statistical criteria did the WSJ use to arrive at their conclusion that volunteerism has increased? Could they have enumerated both the participants and the spectators of the numberless marathons, talkathons, walkathons and rap concerts in the support of "causes"? And is the Androgogy author as narrow in his conclusion as he appears?

I'll let the empirical evidence speak. There are less than twenty-five volunteers/working in some cases daily, and in all cases weekly in support of the Ohio Chapter.

What will you do to become an active supporter of your Society?

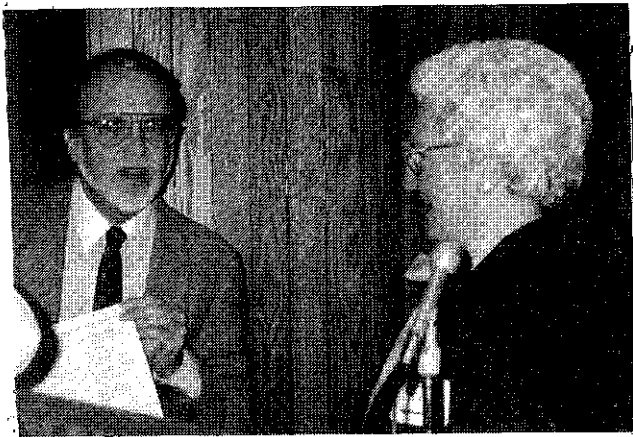
## BOARD MEETINGS

President Schnetzer extends his welcome to all chapter members wishing to attend board meetings. Their presence and input to the board could be profitable.

The next meeting of the officers of the Ohio Chapter will be held **Saturday, December 1**. Next years meeting will be held **Saturday, March 23, 1990**. Meetings start at **9:00A.M.** in the **Crusader room** in the **Campus Center, Capital University, Columbus.**

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Dr. David Koss & Lois Byrem Photo by Mr. Ruby Schultz /  
**FALL CONFERENCE REPORT**  
 by Dorothy Limbach

I was up and on the road to Columbus before 7:30 AM—something I don't even do on work days! It was a gorgeous early fall day with some morning clouds, (Yes, we did get rain later.). We arrived at Capital University's Ruff Learning Center at 8:45 AM (no speeding either). There was just time to say hi to some friends, pick up name tags, get a cup of strong, hot coffee and a huge sweet roll. Then it was upstairs to get a good seat for the first session.

Robert Schnetzer, President of the Ohio Chapter, opened the meeting at 9:10 AM. He introduced the president of Capital University who welcomed all of us to the University.

Ernest Thode, program chairman was then introduced to get the program started. He announced that there would be a substitute for one of the scheduled speakers, Michael Palmer, who cancelled shortly before the conference. Mr. Palmer was replaced by Dr. David Koss, professor of religion at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois. Dr. Koss was to be the main speaker on German/American Churches.

Dr. Koss took the podium at 9:15 and we began a day full of learning about the religious beliefs, churches and church records of our ancestors. David's 2 page bibliography sure made note taking much easier, no need to ask for repeats on titles, spelling, the author's name and so forth. (Future speakers please take note - handouts are very important!). I learned one especially important piece of information - in urban areas ethnic Catholic parishes may overlap. I always thought the parish nearest the home would be the one to check. Could this be why we have not found some records of our ancestors?

There was much more that David told us in both his morning and afternoon sessions. However, there is not room here to write about it all.

After a midmorning break for book and map browsing, coffee and more visiting we reconvened at 10:45. Our second speaker was introduced by Ernie Thode. Lois Byrem, past National Treasurer, from Pennsylvania, spoke briefly about the various German Baptist Brethren, noting their dif-

ferences and similarities. Her handouts were a great help in this. She then started a slide-tape presentation on the Schwarzenau Brethren and related groups. This was a presentation of slides of areas in Germany and the United States as they are now, pictures painted or drawn in earlier times and pictures evoking thoughts and impressions of earlier times. Her slides were accompanied by an excellent script and musical background. Lois's presentation was received with a well deserved round of applause. This was one of the best shows I have seen. Lois can be very proud of a beautiful presentation.

After Lois's talk we broke for lunch, visiting and browsing and buying books. Lunch was served buffet style in the Campus Center 3rd floor dining room. We had sandwich fixings (roast beef, ham, turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes) plus salads and fresh fruit and beverages. More than enough to get us all properly stuffed!

At 1:15 President Schnetzer called us back to order. He introduced George Evans, National PAL-AM President, and his wife. He also noted that there were a number of other National Officers present. They were here for a National Board meeting later on Saturday and again on Sunday.

Ernie opened our afternoon session by introducing our afternoon speaker, Reverend Robert Wiederaenders, from Iowa, who is an archivist for the Lutheran Church. Rev. Wiederaenders also provided hand-outs and gave a very informative lecture on Lutheran and Reformed Church records.

There were two items he brought out which might help you in your ancestor search. Number one was to note any dialect used by the family, this can be a big clue to their place of origin. The second item was that our ancestors often changed their denominational affiliation not by choice, but because their ruler changed his or was replaced. You really need to know the history of areas where you are researching to find sources!

Dr. Koss gave his second lecture to end our conference. Again that nasty "H" word (History) raised its head - this time it was about learning the history of a denomination. David also pointed out the different emphasis various denominations place on baptism, communion and confirmation.

As you can see it was quite a full day. I was one of many who was sorry to see it end. It was a special treat for me to get to visit, however briefly, with David Koss as we may be distant cousins vis ancestors from NW Germany.

On the way home there was an all too brief detour into the German Village for supper. After a day of information on German/American research what could be a better ending than a substantial German dinner, high calorie pastry for dessert and a loaf of dark rye bread to take home for later? Next conference I hope to see more of you and make some new friends as well as renew some old friendship! See you at the next conference, OK?

## THE FORT WAYNE LIBRARY

The Indianapolis Star, 24 June issue 1990 carried an article by Beth Rosenberg Zweig, Star Special Correspondent, about the "Fort Wayne Library," as it is often called, and quoted several persons who extolled the virtues of the library. "The extensive genealogical holdings in Allen County are considered by experts to be among the nation's best and largest-- behind the renowned Family History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City and the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.," Zweig writes.

"Fort Wayne has one of the very best collections in the country, said Raymond S. Wright III, manager of library operations at the Mormon Church's Family History Library. Whenever people come to our library and let us know they live anywhere within 500 or 1,000 miles of Fort Wayne, we explain to them they should make certain they visit that library because they'll be able to make a lot of progress. They've got one of the foremost collections and some of the top genealogical reference librarians."

"With 128,000 volumes and 132,000 microtext items, the genealogy collection in Allen County is the largest under one roof in the country other than the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City." Zweig points out an advantage to Fort Wayne and indirectly to Indiana in a way many don't think about; *i.e.*, "Many genealogy enthusiasts plan their vacations around a trip to Fort Wayne. . . . A study by the local Chamber of Commerce and the library found the genealogy department resulted in an indirect impact of more than \$4 million annually on the northeast Indiana community."

It is gratifying to learn that "The interest is so great that later this month (June 1990), the library's second-floor genealogy section will open an expanded area that will double the seating capacity to 160 and provide at least 60 microtext reading machines." The genealogy department manager, Curt B. Witcher, is looking forward to the changes since the staff of five librarians can better aid visitors. He offered some very sound advice to genealogists which is frequently reiterated by all knowledgeable persons engaged in family research; "Even though we have a profound collection of good material, the first best place to start isn't our library or Salt Lake City," he said. "It's right in the home. Once you've got the initial foundation, you're really ready to do research." To begin one's own research, Witcher advises people to gather information from family sources: relatives, photo albums, scrapbooks, diaries, notes in the family Bible. That is, "he said, 'anything with names, dates and places.'" (from the July 1990 issue of the Indiana PAL-AM Chapter Newsletter).

### "Breitägiger Gast ist eine Last"

The Germans are a most hospitable people but they are not without a sense of humor. The above saying was seen in a German kitchen but it has counterparts all over the world. You might find a similar plague useful in your own home, as long as it is tastefully presented in a "tongue in cheek" manner. A rough translation is-"after three day a guest becomes a burden".

## HOW WE GOT OUR SOCIETY'S NAME

*Robert S. Rudy*

I suppose many of us have wondered how our society came by its distinctive name, PALATINES TO AMERICA. I am one of those. When we met for organizing at Columbus in July in 1975 the name was proposed by the person responsible for calling for the meeting, Mr. Charles M. Hall. So, to satisfy our musing I wrote to him asking how the name Palatines To America had arisen in his mind. He replied that the term Palatine was well known. "Palatines and Palatinate" Hall wrote "are translations of the German words Pfalz for the place and Pfälzer for people who lived there." Palatine comes from the Romans. *e.g.*. There was Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills in Rome signifying Palace Hill. The area (county) called Die Pfalz was territory awarded by Charlemagne to one of his palace favorites

In the early Palatine migrations of the years 1709-1710, which Knittle has written so much about of the ill-prepared people who sought the mercy of Queen Anne of England, most were Pfälzers and the English referred to them as Palatines. Inasmuch as these people had been forced to migrate from Germany due to particularly hard winters in 1707-1708, they were actually refugees and were dubbed "Poor Palatines". So it was that although these people did not all come from The Palatinate, it was convenient for us to use the term accepted in England for all German speaking immigrants. Thus, the Palatine portion of our name.

During preliminary discussions by Mr. Hall and friends it was suggested that here should be formed an organization similar to the one called Germans from Russia. So, therefore, it was an easy step to choose "to America" for the remainder of our title.

According to the original Palatines to America constitution, the organization was "devoted to gathering and publishing a surname index and other material for German, Swiss and Alsatian people immigrating before 1810 whose specific place of origin can be authenticated." We have, of course, made a change or two since that constitution was adopted in 1975, one of which was the deleting of the restricting membership to those coming before 1810. This wording indicates there was no intent to restrict the society membership to descendants of Germans from The Palatinate, or to Germans of Germany.

*Editor's note:* Robert Rudy is a founder and charter member of the Palatines to America. Bob wrote the above article at my request to clarify the origin the origin and intent of the name. during the past year there has been much discussion about the name. some comments are "it's a misnomer", "we should rename the society", etc. I hope this move has been laid to rest by the new statement of purpose of the society formulated at the National Conference which specifies no national origin but covers all German-speaking ancestors in Europe. In fact the great majority of German-speaking immigrants to America came from, or through, the Pfalz and much of our research effort has been concentrated in that area. Let's leave the name alone.

**"AMERICAN NOTES"**  
*Charles Dickens 1842*

....At length, between ten and eleven o'clock at night, a few feeble lights appeared in the distance, and Upper Sandusky, an Indian village, where we were to stay till morning, lay before us.

They were gone to bed at the log Inn, which was the only place of entertainment in the place, but soon answered to our knocking, and got some tea for us in a sort of kitchen or common room, tapestried with old newspapers, pasted against the wall. The bedchamber to which my wife and I were shown, was a large, low, ghostly room; with a quantity of withered branches on the hearth, and two doors without any fastening, opposite to each other, both opening on the black night and wild country, and so contrived, that one of them always blew the other open: a novelty in domestic architecture, which I do not remember to have seen before, and which I was somewhat disconcerted to have forced on my attention after getting into bed, as I had a considerable sum in gold for our travelling expenses, in my dressing-case. Some of the luggage, however, piled against the panels, soon settled the difficulty, and my sleep would not have been very much affected that night, I believe, though it had failed to do so.

My Boston friend climbed up to the bed, somewhere in the roof, where another guest was already snoring hugely. But being bitten beyond his power of endurance, he turned out again, and fled for shelter to the coach, which was airing itself in front of the house. This was not a very politic step, as it turned out; for the pigs setting on him, and looking on the coach as a kind of pie with some manner of meat inside, grunted round it so hideously, that he was afraid to come out again, and lay there shivering, till morning. Nor was it possible to warm him, when he did come out, by means of a glass of brandy: for in Indian villages, the legislature, with a very good and wise intention, forbids the sale of spirits by tavern keepers. The precaution, however, is quite inefficacious, for the Indians never fail to procure liquor of a worse kind, at a dearer price, from travelling pedlars.

It is a settlement of the Wyandot Indians who inhabit this place. Among the company at breakfast was a mild old gentleman, who had been for many years employed by the United States Governments in conducting negotiations with the Indians, and who had just concluded a treaty with these people by which they bound themselves, in consideration of a certain annual sum, to remove next year to some land provided for them, west of the Mississippi, and a little way beyond St. Louis. He gave me a moving account of their strong attachment to the familiar scenes of their infancy, and in particular to the burial-places of their kindred; and their great reluctance to leave them. He had witnessed many such removals, and always with pain, though he knew that they departed for their own good. The question whether this tribe should go or stay, had been discussed among them a day or two before, in a hut erected for the purpose, the logs of which still lay upon the ground before the Inn. When the

speaking was done, the ayes and noes were ranged on opposite sides, and every male adult voted in his turn. The moment the result was known, the minority ( a large one) cheerfully yielded to the rest, and withdrew all kind of opposition.

We met some of these poor Indians afterwards, riding on shaggy ponies. They were so like the meaner sort of gipsies, that if I could have seen any of them in England, I should have concluded, as a matter of course, that they belonged to that wandering and restless people.

Leaving this town directly after breakfast, we pushed forward, over a rather worse road than yesterday, if possible, and arrived about noon at Tiffin, where we parted with extra. At two o'clock we took the railroad; the travelling on which was very slow, its construction being rather indifferent, and the ground wet and marshy; and arrived at Sandusky in time to dine that evening. We put up at a comfortable little hotel on the brink of Lake Erie, lay there that night, and had no choice but to wait there next day, until a steamboat bound for Buffalo appeared. The town, which was sluggish and uninteresting enough, was something like the back of an English watering-place, out of season....

**WHY IN THE DICKENS?**

You might well ask "why in the dickens?" is this article in a genealogical society newsletter. After all it has nothing to do with genealogy, it was written by an English novelist not by a German and the magic word "archives" is nowhere to be found.

The answer is simple- it gives us a small insight into the life and times of some of our ancestors in the northwest part of Ohio in the 1840's. It is history of sorts. As our fall conference speaker pointed out it is important to know your history. More importantly, it is not history as compiled by historians but a keen personal view of life and times of ordinary people and places as observed by a well practiced observer of the human condition.

The excerpt is from a several hundred page book "American Notes" that Dickens wrote during his travels in America. The entire book is fascinating, the Ohio journey begins in Cincinnati and ends in Sandusky.

I selected the Upper Sandusky pages for personal reasons. Upper Sandusky was visited by Dickens just 10 years after my Simonis ancestors arrived in Ohio and settled in Frenchtown, not too far from Upper Sandusky. They later moved and lived near the east side of Upper Sandusky. Johann Simonis told of walking many miles from Frenchtown through "indian country" to work on the canal being built from Toledo to Cincinnati.

Dickens writing gives us a humorous look at the wild times in Ohio 150 years ago through the eyes of an urbane and sometimes terrified Englishman.

Of particular interest to me was Dickens writing of the plight of the Wyandot indians in the area and their unfortunate removal to land west of the Mississippi. The old mission church still stands in Upper Sandusky. The Wyandots were the last indians to leave Ohio.

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

FAMILY DISEASES: ARE YOU AT RISK? myra Vanderpool Gorley. *Donor Genealogical Publishing Co.*  
ANCESTORS OF IRA W. GIBBEL *Donor Ira W. Gibbel*  
MAGAZINE OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY VOL 22-25 (assorted issues & index)  
The Virginia Genealogical Society  
PENNSYLVANIA MENNONTIE HERITAGE VOL 1-5 (assorted issues)  
VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY VOL 14-21  
VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NAME INDEX FOR 1976  
*Donor of above books Patricia Stickley*  
THE OHIO OPEN RECORDS LAW AND GENEALOGY. Ann Fenley  
EURAIL TRAVELER'S GUIDE WITH MAP  
EURAIL 90/91- THROUGH EUROPE BY RAIL  
THOMAS COOK EUROPEAN TIMETABLE MAY 27-JUNE 30,1990  
FACTS ABOUT GERMANY-THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
BILD ATLAS ROMANTISCHE STRASSE MID STADTPLAN VON WURTZBURG, AUTO ATLAS 1:15000  
THE 1979 HISTORY OF ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA. VOL II 1989  
*Donor of above books, Dr. Terry Golden*  
THEM THAT LEFT A NOTE BEHIND, A HISTORY OF THE STARNES FAMILY. Gerald H. & Herman Starnes. *Donor Gerald H. & Herman Starnes.*  
HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM HIST. SOC. PUB. CAT 1988-1989  
*Donor Darrell Tussing*  
THE WALRATH FAMILY FROM GERMANY AND THE MOHAWK VALLEY. Mrs. Franklyn Boardman Amos. *Donor Bill McHenry*  
FAMILY HISTORY PROGRAM #4 Audio tape: LDS Family History Information. LDS. *Donor Gerry Pond-Manager*  
COLORADO PALATINE TO AMERICA NL VOL 6 No 1,2 1988-1989  
ILLINOIS PALATINE TO AMERICA NL (Assorted Volumes & issues)  
INDIANA PALATINES TO AMERICA (Assorted Volumes & issues)  
MICHIGAN PALATINES TO AMERICA NL (assorted Vol 4#1,2,3)  
YORKER PALATINE NL (Assorted issues)  
NEW YORK CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA MEMBERSHIP AND SURNAME INDEX  
PENN PAL NL. (Assorted volumes & issues)  
PAL-AM MOUNTAINEER NL (Assorted volumes & issues)  
*Donor of above books Robert & Clara Harsh*  
LYLE STRONG-GENERATION CHARTS (In family hhistory folder)  
*Donor Lyle Strong*  
LANTZ LIMBS NL. VOL I No. 4, VOL II #1 (In family hhistory folder)  
*Donor & author, Fred Lantz*  
MOLDENHAUER, DONALD EDWARD (Family group sheets in folder)  
*Donor & author Suzanne (Wilde) Moldenhauer*  
THE TRUMMEL FAMILY 1633-1989 AND RELATED LINES-OTTO, HURTNER, EHLING. *Donor & author Eleanor Rainey Clarey*  
BEGINNING RESEARCH IN GERMANY. An introduction to German-American genealogy. *Donor and publisher German Interest Group*  
A TREE GROWS IN FUNKS GROVE. A history of Funk-Stubblefield Family, Mclean County, Illinois. Comm. Funks Grove Cemetery association.  
*Donors Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Howison; Mr. & Mrs. P. Peak*  
ALBRECHTS, WHEMANS, AND UNTERZUBERS FROM GERMANY TO AMERICA 1667-1989. *Donor & author Margaret Louise Kirkland*  
DESCENDANTS OF JACOB HOCHSTETLER. Harvey Hostetler, *Donor ruth Shelly Hostetler*  
GENEALOGY OF EARLY SETTLERS IN TRENTON AND EWING CO, NEW JERSEY. Eli F. & Willaim S. Cooley

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## NEW MEMBERS

Membership Registrar Florence Beck reports the following 37 new members of the Ohio chapter. We Welcome them all and look forward to their active participation in chapter functions

### NEW MEMBERS IN OHIO

Donald Ammon, Lima  
Dwight Billman, Toledo  
Martha Boyce, Newark  
Cheryl Daily, Lima  
Rose Dulin, Columbus  
Robert Good, Circleville  
Thomas Hamm, Westerville  
Lari Hummer, Columbus  
Marian Keffer, Fairlawn  
Elizabeth Knight, Findlay  
Mildred Quinn Columbus  
Evelyn Reynolds, Columbus  
Brian Ziel, Cincinnati  
Harry Vollmer, Bexley

### CALIFORNIA

David Adams, San Francisco  
Howard Barnhart, La Habra  
Barbara Desai, Riverside  
Clark Leonard, Newport Beach  
Colleen Peyton, San Jose  
Robert Steen, Newport Beach

### FLORIDA

Charles Septer, Punta Gorda

### GEORGIA

Gerri Byrd, Covington  
Carole Zabadah, Albany

### ILLINOIS

Ellen ROADS, Pittsfield

### INDIANA

Nancy Draper, Alexandria  
Betty Vickery, Indianapolis

### KANSAS

Phyllis Lanning, Abilene

### KENTUCKY

Evelyn Gilbert, Versailles

### LOUISIANA

Irene Vicknair, Labadieville

### MARYLAND

William Swarm, Silver Springs

### NEW JERSEY

Eileen Stemley, Ridgewood

### NEW YORK

Sylvia Van Houten, Middleburg

### PENNSYLVANIA

Kathleen Staub, Newburg

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Kenneth White, Rapid City

### TEXAS

Barbara Moore, New Braunfels

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### NEW LIBRARY BOOKS (continued from 23)

CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND- MARRIAGE LICENSES 1777-1840. Copied  
J. Baker  
NAMES IN STONE , 75,000 Cemetery Inscriptions Frederick Co. MD VOL I-II.  
Jason Mehrling Holdcraft  
BEDFORD COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES VOL. II. ed. James B.  
Whisker  
HISTORY OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA. Emily Baldwin  
EARLY GERMANS OF NEW JERSEY, THEIR HISTORY, CHURCHES,  
AND GENEALOGIES. Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers  
MARYLAND MORTALITIES 1876-1915 FROM BALTIMORE SUN ALMA-  
NAC. Walter E. Arps, Jr.  
WORDSTAR - INTRODUCTION Arthur Naiman  
WORDSTAR - PRACTICAL USES. Julie Anne Arch  
*donor of above books Ohio Chapter , PAL-AM*  
ESSAYS IN BAKER FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL CHARTS.  
*author and donor Richard Baker Simons, Ph. D.*

### IN OTHER LIBRARIES

Robert Rudy reports that the Ohio Genealogical Library at Mansfield announce-  
sin their newsletter VOL XXXI No.I that the following German oriented books  
were donated to their Library by Robert A. Cunning , member No.C213  
THE FIRST CENTURY OF GERMAN LANGUAGE PRINTING IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Editors Karl John Richard Arndt & Reimer  
C. Eck. 1989  
THE PENNSYLVANIA FRAKTUR OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF OF PHILA-  
DELPHIA, an illustrated catalogue. Compilers Frederick A Weiser and Howell J.  
heaney. 1976  
PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY FARM. A regional architectural and folk cultural  
study of an American agricultural community Author Amos Long Jr. 1972  
MENNONITE ATTIRE THROUGH FOUR CENTURIES. Author Melvin  
Gingerich. 1970  
EBBES FER ALLE-EBBER. EBBES FER DICH. Something for every-  
one, something for you. Authors Albert F. Buffington et.al.  
SELECTIONS FROM ARTHUR GRAEFF'S SCHOLLA. Author Arthur  
Graeff. 1971  
PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN SECULAR FOLK SONGS. Author Albert F.  
Buffington. 1974  
BILDER UND GEDANKE. A book of Pennsylvania German Verse. Author  
Russell W. Gilbert 1975  
ARTS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS. Author Scott T. Swank. 1983  
FOUR PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN STUDIES. The Pennsylvania German  
Society. 1970  
THIS IS THE WAY I PASS MY TIME. A book about Pennsylvania German  
Decorated hand towels. Author Ellen J. Gehert. 1985  
FARMING IS ALWAYS FARMING. A photographic essay of rural Penn-  
sylvania German land and life. Author H. Winslow Fegley. 1987  
THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN DECORATED CHEST. Author Monroe H.  
Fabian 1978  
THE HIETT AND FICHTER FAMILIES OF BROWN COUNTY OHIO ETC.  
Author Bruce Grimes, 1990

### NEW MEMBERS (Continued from 23)

Virginia	The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to
Anne Whitehurst, Williamsburg	America extends a hearty
Washington	"Wilkommen". The Ohio Chapter
Howard Ness, Spokane	is growing across the land!

### COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Through the efforts of Robert S. Rudy  
The Palatines to America will be repre-  
sented at the annual International Day  
exhibition at Veterans Memorial on  
West Broad Street, November 10 & 11.  
Bon has generously offered to pay the  
cost of renting the booth and has orga-  
nized 14 volunteers to set up the booth  
and man it during the two day exhibit-  
tion.

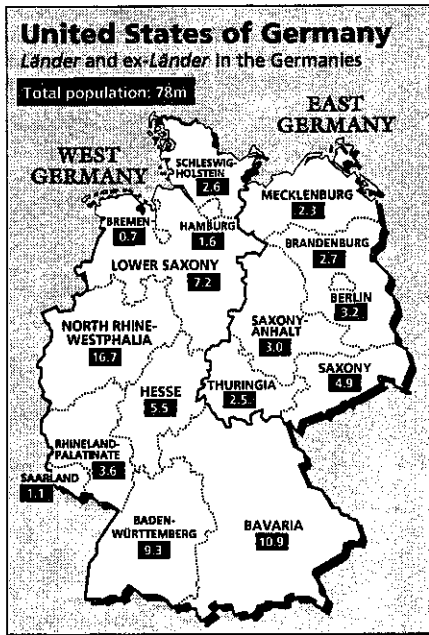


Robert S. Rudy

It is hoped the effort will serve to  
make the community aware of the  
activities of our society and increase our  
membership.

### OTHER MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 20 Coshocton Chapter,  
OGS. speaker Dr. Terry Golden  
DECEMBER 1 9:45 A.M. Stark  
County District Library will hold its  
7th Annual Genealogy Workshop fea-  
turing Maralyn A. Wellauer for a day-  
long program entitled "Tracing your  
European Roots". Contact Stark Co.  
Library, 715 Market Ave. N., Canton ,  
Ohio 44702  
DECEMBER 8. 9:00 A.M. Illinois  
Chapter PAL-AM with the Church of  
the Latter Day Saints. Meeting entitled  
"Using a Family History Center for  
German American Genealogical  
Research". At the Family History Cen-  
ter, Naperville, Illinois. Speakers:  
Martin A. Diestler, Ronald L. Otto,  
James Gunnis. \$10 advance registra-  
tion (before Dec. 1) \$12 at the door.  
Contact: Naperville Family History  
Center c/o Martin Diestler, 2 S. 603  
Williams, Warrenville, Illinois 6055.



The above map of the new unified Germany is reproduced from the "Economist" June 2, 1990 and shows the Länder and ex-Länder in the Germanies along with their population. "Die Einheit" translates to "the Unity". The unity was the beginning of the national anthem of the East Germans but was banned by Josef Stalin.

While most people are enthusiastic about the reunion of the two Germanies the reunification poses many economic and social problems to work out. A friend in West Germany writes- "It is like your San Francisco earthquake".

### QUERIES

The Heritage will accept queries and publish them as space permits. David Barkdull has written to see what genealogical services the Palatines offer. He is seeking information on the BARKDULL family who moved from Somerset Co., PA., to New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., OH. circa 1805. When did they arrive here? Date of death of Joseph & Magdalene Barkdull or any other information would be appreciated.

Write to: David Barkdull, 7454 TIS  
PSC Box 5239  
APO 09305

### EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

**VOLUNTEERS:** I must agree with our Chapter President's comments about volunteers. As a volunteer in a number of organizations I have witnessed a decline in the number of volunteers. This imposes a greater load on the existing volunteer staff, as that core of volunteers ages new volunteers must come onto the scene. Theoretically these volunteers would be younger persons and could carry the chapter operations forward for a number of years.

In general we fail to recruit enough young members. Perhaps that is the nature of genealogy. Interest in it usually comes later in life. This poses a problem in generating personnel for officers and volunteers.

Another problem is the dropout of new members after one or two years. I have often asked ex-members why they dropped out. The answer is usually "I wasn't getting anything out of it." To which I reply "What did you put in?". Society membership is rather like a bank- you can't make withdrawals if you haven't made a deposit.

Some of our best volunteers are in their 70s & 80s and make significant contributions to the society. Volunteering, contributing articles, etc. is very gratifying work. You should give it a try!

**NEWSLETTER COMMENTS:** I have several times heard the comment that other chapters have larger newsletters (more pages). This is true but it should be noted that the "Heritage" has about 30% more lines on each page. This is due to the typeface used and the format made possible by the computer program.

In any event the quality of the newsletter should be judged, not by the number of pages, but by content. I particularly admire the Illinois chapter newsletter, edited by Marie Beernink with articles by Ron Otto which have a great deal of information about Illinois genealogical sources. I have asked Ohio members to supply with information on Ohio genealogical sources in their area but none has been received. Make this a reminder to send such information to the editor for publica-

tion. I have received more articles from non-members than from members.

**PAGE NUMBERING:** If you have wondered about the page numbering (first page has no number and the second page of this issue is page 20) it is due to recommended practice for genealogical newsletters. Each volume (Year of issues) has pages numbered from the first issue. Page numbers run consecutively through the volume.

**"GENE"-EALOGY:** What we are physically is the result of our genes which might give indications of family medical problems. Many of us are remiss in not entering medical data about our ancestors in our genealogical notes. Such information could be most valuable to future generations and their doctors by facilitating the study of hereditary medical problems. This information from old death certificates and oral tradition is sometimes confusing. An 1870 death certificate in my family indicated an ancestor died of "spasm". Later death certificates for her siblings indicated "diabetes". This leads me to wonder if gr. grandmother also had diabetes and it was a family inherited ailment. Another ancestor died of a "fatty heart" but symptoms related in oral tradition were those of diabetes. Then there was the older ancestor who died of "senility". Indeed he was 90 years old but relatives who knew him assure me he was not senile but died of kidney failure due to the consumption of "bad" moonshine.

One new computer program has a specific entry for medical records.

You might keep this in mind as you work on your genealogy. Enter such medical records as you can find as well as a physical description of the ancestor.



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