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## Spring Conference Report

The Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America Spring Conference was quite a success by any measure. The attendance totalled 126 with several persons coming from other states and a number of non-members in attendance. The large group can be attributed, in part, to the efforts of Mary Leppla who canvassed Holmes County and other counties in the area distributing hundreds of meeting announcements to libraries and genealogical societies. This work was in addition to her extensive planning and preparation which helped make the meeting such a success.

A large number of the group arrived at the Amish Country Inn in Berlin Friday afternoon and found Mary hard at work in the Berlin Christian Fellowship Center preparing the area for the next days conference. At 3:30 the early arrivals departed for the Mennonite Information Center on County Road 77 just north of Berlin to view the 265' cyclorama "Behalt". "Behalt"... meaning "to keep or remember" is 10' x 256' and illustrates the heritage of the Amish and Mennonite people from the beginning in Zurich Switzerland, in 1525 to the present day. The 45 minute guided tour cost \$4 and was well worth it. The cyclorama was painted by artist Heinz Gaugel who was born in southern Germany and now pursues his professional career in Canada. As Menno Simons was mentioned frequently your editor tied to trade on his name and get a discount. The request fell on deaf ears- the Mennonites were not impressed with the patronymic name.

The evening meal in the conference room of the inn was "ausgezeichnet" each place was pre-set with a different piece of pie so you could select dessert before the meal. The food was good, varied and plentiful. Many suffered later from having "et" too much.

Next morning revealed a wide variety of books for sale with several vendors, one from Pennsylvania. there was much browsing and some buying.

The conference was concerned with, as its title claimed, "Ohio German Folk Culture" and it was a pleasant change from the usual talks on where to

find the archives, passenger lists, and other records. Technical difficulties with the slide projector necessitated a change in the program with Leroy Beachey giving the first session. He was very articulate describing the immigration of families from different time periods and regions of Europe. His presentation served to enlighten the "English" in our group about the background and beliefs of the Amish and Mennonites. He presented genealogies on the Joder / Yoder family from Theodore in 1340 in Switzerland to the U.S.A. He also displayed and described very old books the Amish use such as the "Martyr's Mirror" and the Amish Hymnal the "Ausbund".

Following a break Stanley Kaufman presented an illustrated talk showing the Germanic folk art and architecture of the Holmes county area. The slides and lectured served to give a clearer view of the contributions of German immigrants to the artistic fabric of Ohio.

The noon break brought forth another excellent home-style meal and more good pie prepared by the ladies of the Fellowship.

After lunch a brief business meeting was held. The essential business was the election of chapter officers for 1992-1993 (Fiscal year 1 June -31 May). The nominating committee's slate was as presented in the February issue of the Heritage (Glen Stanhope's name was mistakenly deleted from that list). There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was elected unanimously. Addresses of all officers or on the last page of this issue.

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**Officers for 1992-1993**  
(fiscal 1 June-31 May)

President Phillip Beltz  
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**Awards**

The Ohio chapter's "Certificate of Outstanding Achievement" was presented by Phil Beltz to two members of the Ohio. The award is "in recognition of meritorius service and support to the principles and goals of Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America".

To **Mary Elizabeth Leppla** for her considerable efforts as a board member from NE Ohio.

To **Robert F. Schnetzer** for his continuing efforts as past president of the chapter. This is Robert's second such award the first being presented in 1987.

The afternoon session featured a group of Amish men lead by Paul Kline from the Ohio Amish Library in Berlin. They described the hardships of the early Swiss anabaptists and showed ancient Bibles and books such as the Martyr's Mirror and the Ausbund or Amish hymnal.

It was interesting to hear the Amish men sing a hymn from the Ausbund, a clear tenor voice started with the others joining in a slow chant-like melody singing in the German language. We were invited to join the last chorus but the volume did not increase. There is no musical notation in the Ausbund and the melody is passed down from generation to generation.

The last session discussed the hhistory of various religious denominations in Holmes County.

**Willkommen**

**The Virginia State Chapter  
Palatines to America**

The Ohio Chapter extends its best wishes to the newly chartered virginia state Chapter. Mr. Ruby Schultz, National Vice President and New Chapter Chairman presided over the charter meeting of the chapter on Saturday, 14 March 1992 in Alexandria Virginia at a day long seminar. The new Virginia Chapter will serve its members by promoting the study of German immigrant migration into and through Virginia. Chairman Schultz expects that out-of-state genealogists may outnumber Virginia residents in joining the new chapter, because of the long history of westward migration of eighteenth and nineteenth century German-speaking immigrants has left their descendents across the United States.

The charter meeting presentations included "Eyewitness to Emigration" by Dr. Richard Baker Simons Of Arlington Virginia, an illustrated account of the conditions of our ancestorss, the trips to European ports, and then the journey to America under sail. There was also three workshops on the resources available and tips for using the D.A.R. Library, The National Archives, and the Library of Congress, led by specialists from those research centers.

**New Members**

Ohio Chapter registrar, Florence Beck, announces a total of 36 new members of the chapter since the last report in February. 23 of these reside in Ohio and 13 in other states.

**Ohio**

Pamela Allen, Westerville  
Ted & Pat Barnes, Marietta  
Betty Boutselis, Columbus  
Daveda Bundy, Pickerington  
Ronald & Peggy Cooper,  
Reynoldsburg  
Marguerite Crist, Ottawa

Leroy Curtis, Wooster  
Willis Else, Hudson  
Duncan Gardiner, Lakewood  
James Hahn, Coshocton  
W. R. Halm, Cincinnati  
Connie Kline, Miamisburg  
Keith Koppel, Belpre  
Marjorie Mains, Lucasville  
Leanne Pealer, Burton  
James Phillabaum, Trenton  
Walter Platte, Worthington  
Frank Riebel, Columbus  
Carol Sandoval, New Carlisle  
Richard & Mary Sislar, Marysville

Susan Stafford, Columbus  
Gerald & Dixie Stump, Logan  
Dennis Witsberger, Marion

**Arizona**

Mona Good, Peoria

**California**

Kenneth Klein, Los Angeles  
Virginia Lewis, Long Beach

**Colorado**

Paula Lasky, Littleton

**Florida**

Lou Willbanks, Jacksonville

**Kansas**

Mildred Stuckey, Leavenworth

**Kentucky**

John Leming Jr., Cold Springs

**Maine**

Dwayne Becker, Stillwater

**New York**

William Shunk, New York

Gale Smith, Rochester

**Oregon**

Patricia Vessely, Lake Oswego

**Pennsylvania**

Dana & Marilyn Cartwright,  
Wayne

**Texas**

Helen Davidson, Cedar Park  
Virginia

Amy Lampkin, Falls church

We wish a hearty Willkommen to these new members and hope the membership will be genealogically rewarding. Participation in all the chapter activities and volunteering services is the secret to reaping the rewards. We hope these new members will quickly fill the numerous opportunities open for volunteers and become involved in the many aspects of chapter business.

**Lancaster County Sampler**  
by Lois C. Byrem, Editor of  
*Pennsylvania Chapter's Penn Pal*

Lancaster county, Pennsylvania is recognized far and wide as a center of Pennsylvania German culture, even though today the area is a showcase of many diverse cultures. This article will focus on some attractions of particular interest to those of you with German and Swiss ancestry.

Here is a list of my recommendations of places to see and things to do when you come to Lancaster County for the National Palatines to America Conference in June.

**1. The first land grant in Lancaster County in 1710** is shown on a marker along Penn Grant Road, in front of the Willow Street Mennonite Church. The land grant began at what is now Jackson Street in the Borough of Strasburg and extended west to West Willow, along the Pequea Creek. The names of those first Swiss Mennonite families, and an outline of the grant is on the monument.

**2. The Hans Herr House** is just a half-mile to the north from the marker (item #1. above). The oldest building remaining in Lancaster County, it was built in medieval Germanic style in 1719 and is on the National Register of Historic Sites. Take the guided tour of this remarkable house which was also used for worship by the early Mennonite settlers. Admission fee. Steve Friesen has written a wonderful book, with photographs in color, entitled "A Modest Mennonite Home." The introduction was written by the renowned artist, Andrew Wyeth, a descendant of the Herr family.

**3. Borough of Strasburg.** As early as 1714, the old Conestoga Road, connecting Philadelphia and the Susquehanna River, passed along what is now Main Street. The first buildings in the village appeared about 1733. Earliest settlers were Swiss Mennonites in the western section, and French Huguenots settled in the eastern section after 1712. At the Huguenot Cemetery

on North Star Road, just north of town, the history of these early settlers is written on several monuments there.

The name of the borough came from the Cathedral City in Alsace. Most of the older parts of the borough are in the Historic District. At least 12 of the 29 oldest brick structures survive. All four of the oldest stone houses (including The Sandstone House which dates from 1758), and at least two dozen log houses are still standing. A fine Example of a Georgian brick Meeting House is St. Michael's Lutheran Church, built in 1806. Pewter plaques, awarded by the Strasburg Heritage Society, are mounted on the front of those buildings which have been documented and have maintained their architectural integrity. the date on the center of each plaque tells when the building was built. A pamphlet "A Strolling Tour of Strasburg's Historic District" is available. (Send SASE to the writer at P.O. Box 280, Strasburg, PA 17579.) While taking your stroll, you will want to stop at the Village Store and Creamery on the square for an ice cream cone. Delicious! East of town is the Strasburg Railroad. Buy a ticket and climb aboard for a steam train ride to Paradise through a beautiful section of farmland.

**4. Folk Craft Museum on Mt. Sidney Road, Witmer.** This folk-craft center takes you on a journey into Pennsylvania German culture and lifestyles. There is a 100-year old Beam Loom, a woodworker's shop, country store, herb garden, and a slide presentation. Built entirely of old materials salvaged from throughout Lancaster County, the building is half-timbered and brick, and houses two floors of antiques and artifacts. Self-guided tour. Admission fee.

**5. The Ephrata Cloister.** One of America's earliest communal societies, the Cloister was noted for its original music and fraktur, printing and publishing. The founder was Conrad Beissel, born in 1690 in Eberbach, Germany. Ten of the original medieval-style buildings have been beautifully restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Be sure to

inquire about the on-going genealogy research project. Guide service and admission fee. Special event: Summer evenings, "Vorspiel," a musical drama.

**6. Landis Valley Farm Museum** is the largest museum of rural Pennsylvania heritage in the nation. There are craft demonstrations, historic buildings, working gardens, and farm animals. This unique outdoor museum is the result of the life-long collection of two brothers and will give you a glimpse of life in an earlier time. Rated "exceptional by AAA. Admission charge, ample parking.

**7. The city of Lancaster** is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, and many special events have been planned. Parking lots and garages are located near the square.

Take a Historic Lancaster Walking Tour with trained interpreters in colonial costume. See the homes, courtyards, churches and Old Town residential district. Fee.

On the square, visit Central Market (Tues. Fri. Sat.), the oldest publicly-owned, continuously operating farmer's market in the nation. The building is over 100 years old, but farmer's market has been held at this site since the 1730's. Savor the most wonderful foods Lancaster has to offer.

Just next door, visit the Heritage Center of Lancaster County which houses treasured artifacts produced by generations of Lancaster County artisans and craftsmen. High style, country pieces, and folk art including antique quilts are on display. Free.

**8. Auto tape Tour.** You can rent (or buy) a cassette (and a recorder) which will guide you through a lovely part of Lancaster County (a map is included). The narrator gives you directions, explains what you are seeing, and tells you accurately about the history, culture, dress, lifestyle, and religion of the plain people. Tapes are available at several locations including the gift shop at Dutch Wonderland on Route 30. You can take this auto tour in about two hours. However, if you want to get out of the car and visit some of the

places along the way such as the nation's largest pretzel bakery, the furniture store, the old mill and miller's house (all of these have free admission), this driving tour can take four to six hours. On the rural roads, be on the lookout for Amish buggies which travel on these roads, especially east and south of Lancaster, and in the Strasburg area. (Over 16,000 Amish still live in Lancaster County.)

9. **Motorcoach Tours** in air-conditioned coaches with certified guides are available to tour the farmlands, an Amish farmhouse, Mill Bridge Village or other places of interest. Some tours include meals. Tours are also available to Hershey (chocolate town) and Philadelphia.

For those who love to shop, downtown Lancaster has a wonderful department store on the square (Watt and Shand) as well as many other interesting shoppes and stores. In the village of Intercourse, east on Route 23 is Kitchen Kettle Village with more than 25 shops with crafts, country wares, and food. At the Jam and Relish Kitchen, you can watch that day's batch of jelly or relish being made, and taste some of the 50 different jellies and relishes which are made there.

Also in the village of Intercourse is The People's Place, a heritage center with a three-screen documentary about the Amish. There is an art gallery, a Quilt Museum with a permanent exhibit of antique Amish quilts, The Old Country Store with handmade quilts and crafts made by 250 Amish and Mennonite craftspersons, and the Old Road Furniture Company where reproductions inspired by the Amish furniture-maker Henry Lapp are sold.

Throughout the County there are wonderful antique, gift and craft shops tucked away along back roads and in smaller villages such as Bird-In-Hand. There are several excellent country craft shops in the Strasburg area.

Many restaurants feature Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. Willow Valley, south of Lancaster, and Hershey Farms, north of Strasburg on Route 896 offer buffet dinners which are very good and reasonably priced; you can

also order from the menu. Good'n Plenty, Plain and Fancy, and the Stoltzfus Farm Restaurant feature family-style meals. All of these restaurants are closed on Sunday.

All the places listed in this sampler are within a short driving distance of the Eden Resort Inn, site of the 1992 PaAm Conference. There are many other attractions of interest, so plan to stay in Lancaster County for a few extra days before or after the Conference. Bring your camera and take lots of pictures, but please do not photograph the Amish. Their religion takes literally the commandment about "graven images" which they believe includes photographs.

In your 1992 Conference announcement and registration form, there will be information on how to obtain a free visitor's guide and map to the places that I have listed. For information on attractions outside Lancaster County, write to: Pa Department of Commerce, Bureau of Travel Marketing, Room 453 Forum Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17210 or call 1-800-Visit-PA, and ask for a 1992 Spring/Summer Travel Planner.

We'll be looking for you in Lancaster County this Summer!

**Cemetery is not ordinary.**  
Luvada Kuhn (reprinted from *The Chillicothe Gazette*, April 7, 1992. Sent in by Glen Stanhope.)

Some folks might wonder about a review of a book of cemetery inscriptions. Well, this is no ordinary cemetery.

Indeed, Grandview Cemetery is the most historic cemetery west of the Appalachian Mountains. Here on Bellevue Hill, overlooking the city of Chillicothe, is the final resting place of many of Ohio's most famous people. Edward Tiffin, the first governor of Ohio; Civil War hero General Joshua Sill; famous cartoonist Billy Ireland; internationally famous lib-

rarian Burton Stevenson; Thomas Worthington; Henry Holcomb Bennett; Nathaniel Massie; and scores of other noted citizens from the area's early days are buried here along with hundreds of others from every walk of life.

Members of the German Genealogical Society have produced an admirable work of value and interest to local history buffs. The work of copying inscriptions from gravestones and mausoleums was done by Sharon Hill and Anna Stout while the editing and typing is the work of Glenda Zonner. All three are charter members of the German Genealogical Society. A copy of this book is in the Ross County Genealogical Society Library, 270 S. Paint St.

A brief history of the cemetery is contained in the preface of the book. Since 1986 the Scioto Township Trustees have been in charge of the cemetery and are responsible for the excellent condition of this historic and beautiful point of interest. A small tax levy which provides funds for the upkeep of the cemetery is up for renewal at the primary election. Residents of Scioto Township would do well to visit Grandview Cemetery and experience the sense of history that it encompasses.

Interested readers will appreciate the twenty-five biographical sketches of noteworthy citizens buried at Grandview. Some of the truly great, but perhaps forgotten, early residents who contributed to the quality of life in Chillicothe and Ross County are listed along with a few who left for awhile and gained fame beyond the hills of Ross County.

Each year the German Genealogical Society joins with the Civic Theater to present a day of horse-drawn Carriage Ride Tours of Grandview Cemetery. Actors and actresses don costumes representative of the lifetime of some of the noted people who lie buried at Grandview and depict these citizens, adding dramatically to the sense of history. This year the tours are scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

To obtain your copy of this book contact the German Genealogical Society, 162 Burbridge Ave. You can save three dollars by calling 775-3636 and arranging to pick up the book.

Luvada Kuhn is librarian for the Ross County Genealogical Society and retired from the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library.

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## Book review

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■ **Tombstone Inscriptions Of Grandview Cemetery.** (German Genealogical Society, 1992. \$29.)

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## New Library Books

Title	Author	Donor
Address Book For Germanic Genealogy Bauer Berger	Ernest Thode Rev. John W Hawkins Beverly Wilkins Craig	Gen. Pub. Co. J. W. Hawkins Beverly W. Craig
Bibliography on the Colonial Germans of North America Concordia Historical Inst. Quarterly Vol 63 #3,4; Vol 64 #1,2 Country Carpenter 1863-1926	Emil Meyne Concordia Historical Institute. Josiah E. Werner	Ohio Chapter PalAm Lester Weber Catherine M. Rhoades
Directory of Family Associations Dockstader Family, The Germans to America- Vol 6, Vol 7	Elizabeth Petty Bentley Doris D. Rodney Ira A. Glazier/P Wm. Filby	Gen. Pub. Co. Doris D. Rodney Ohio Chapter PalAm
Guide to County Records on Microfilm Hedrick In Search of Your German Roots	Missouri State Archives Beverly Wilkins Craig Angus Baxter	Lester Weber Beverly Wilkins Craig Gen. Pub. Co.
Index to Pennsylvania's Colonial Record Series Jarrett, Gilbert Knappenberger List of 3,000 names of Earliest Europeans in NY State Outside of New York City 1630-1830	Dr. Mary Dunn Dorothy Elsie Worman  William R. Heidtman	Gen. Pub. Co. Dorothy Elsie Worman  William R. Heidtman
List of Germans From the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709 Myretus Pages From the Past	John Tribbekd/George Ruperti Emma V. Speers The Immigrant PalAm Ricardo W. Staudt, translator	Ohio Chapter PalAm Emma V. Speers National PalAm Ohio Chapter PalAm
Palatine Church Visitations 1609 Deanery of Kusel Penn in Hand, newsletter, Gen. Soc. of PA Vol X No 4, Vol XI No 1, Vol IX No 2, Vol XII No 4 Reeves-Graybill Papers-Documentation on Ancestor Names Recorded in Heinke and Strassburger	Gen. Soc. of PA  E E Reeves-Graybill Mildred Griffin Taylor Dorothy Elsie Worman J. Hanno Deiler	Clara Harsh  E E Reeves-Graybill Mildred Griffin Taylor Dorothy Elsie Worman Ohio Chapter PalAm
Rifner /Reyffener / Reiffner Sauerwein Family Wisdom Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana, The Sondedruck Zeitschrift dor die Geschichte der Saargegend XXIX 1981 Stambach / Stambaugh Van Sciver /Van Schuyve/ Skiver Yaple Family in America, The	Walter Petto Rev. John W. Harkins Beverly Wilkins Craig Doris Yaple Geist, Roland W Yaple Sr.	Barbara Campbell Rev. John W. Harkins Beverly Wilkins Craig Geist & Yaple
<u>Donations other than books</u> Eyecom 1000 Microfiche reader German Immigrant Register- microfiche Panasonic cassette recorder/player with earphones. Walkman cassette player		OCLC Inc. Henning Schroeder John M. Mangus

**Thanks to those who have contributed to the Library!**

### Library Continues Saturday Hours

**Palatine Library continues Saturday hours through 1992 Excluding the month of August.**

The library will continue to offer service to researchers on the first Saturday of each month through 1992 with the exception of August, when Renner Hall will be closed. Hours 10 A.M -2 P.M.

The Library is located in room 339 in Renner Hall at the corner of College Ave. and E. Main St. in Bexley, Ohio. Park in the adjoining lot or in the visitor parking lot. From E. Main Street drive south on College Ave. 1 block and turn left on Mound St. and park behind the blue security office.

Volunteers call Jean Hall (address back cover)

### Books for Sale.....

**Index "The Palatine Immigrant" Vol.XI-XV**  
\$3.50. Published by the Ohio Chapter. Order from John M. Mangus, 2106 Coach Road North, Columbus, OH 43220.

**"Pages from the Past".**  
(From out of print "Immigrants")  
**Issue No.1.** Articles about Alsace Lorraine & Switzerland. \$1.00 ea. postpaid.

**Issue No. 2** with articles about Pennsylvania. \$2.00 ea., postpaid. Order from national Office Capital University Box 101, Columbus OH 43209.

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## Residents Comments

Last summer, National President, George Evans, appointed a Long Rang Planning Committee comprised of George Munch, Robert Rudy, Phil Beltz, Bill McHenry and chaired by Clara Harsh. Of the many subjects explored was the issue of "Special Gifts". At the April 4, 1992 National Board meeting, a motion was passed to accept the Long Range Planning Report on "Special Gifts".

The 501C(3) tax status of Palatines to America and its respective state chapters provides the membership excellent tax-advantaged benefits for presenting "special gifts".

Solicitation of special gifts has evolved during the past decade to become a routine function of many 501C(3) organizations including churches, colleges, united way agencies, fraternities and even genealogical societies.

We are looking for candidates among the membership where the amount of the gift will not materially affect the life-styles of those currently supported by a Palatine Member. While we are an organization committed to appreciating our our forebears; we have equal or greater concern for those that remain after we have passed. Hence, the Palatines do not wish to have a gift interfere with the life-styles of the members' children, grandchildren, etc.

Nevertheless, we are hoping to be included in the Palatine Member's list of organizations to receive special gifts.

The gifts can be of many forms as listed below:

- Cash
- Financial Instruments (Stocks mutual funds, limited partnerships)
- Real Property
- Personal Property;  
Bookcases, file drawers, desks, computer, etc.

Special gifts are often tagged with how they are to be utilized.

- Underwrite the publishing of one special book.
- Publish annually a special work.
- Hire a part-time paid Executive Director/ Registrar.
- Fund part of a German History/Genealogy Chair.
- Provide a special German archives collection.
- Provide a historic property for the office.
- Provide an office condominium.
- Offset general expenses.
- Reduce membership dues.
- Fulfill dream of a giver.

There are several basic giving techniques which can be used:

- Write a check.
- Assign over ownership of a continuing financial instrument.
- Name the gift in the giver's last will and testament.
- Bring personal property to the Palatine office.
- Deed the real property.
- Name the Palatines as a partial beneficiary in a life insurance or annuity policy.

There are other more advanced and complicated procedures and are often called, "Gifts of Income and Remainder Interests". Usually these require the use of the member's attorney or accountant or other financial advisor.

If a member is willing to irrevocably turn over assets to the Palatines, there may be substantial tax advantages associated with the gift. If a member is unsure and reluctant to absolutely turn over the asset to the Palatines, we will be happy to discuss a revocable arrangement.

Members have worked long and hard to accumulate and safeguard assets. They need to make sure that those assets end-up precisely where they belong. You are encouraged to consider giving assets to both your state chapter and the National. Please contact your officers for more details.

*Phil Beltz*

## Alerts

### National PalAm Conference June 18-20 1992

Eden Resort & Conference Center  
Lancaster Pennsylvania

West Virginia chapter May 2  
Morgantown. Contact Don Garletts (304) 599-1672

New York Chapter, Fonda NY  
(Eila Schiffer, (315) 245-0990

Illinois Chapter May 16 Elgin  
Illinois. (Gayla Nieminen, (815) 895-8311.

Colorado Chapter, May 23,  
Denver. Hank Jones speaker  
(Tim Ostwald (303) 443-9466

### OHIO CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCT. 10 COLUMBUS MAENNERCHOR "HOW TO TRACE YOUR LINES IN THE VARIOUS PARTS OF GERMANY"

Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler  
Migration patterns & geographic  
divisions.

Research & immigration patterns  
in Alsace Lorraine & Switzerland

## National Editorial Assistant

A request has come from National to each chapter to have an Editorial Assistant to aid in securing articles for *The Palatine Immigrant*, a quarterly journal included with Society membership. Suggested activities include; locating articles of interest for the journal, submitting stories about ancestors, submit illustrations, research tips and news of our state chapter. Compile a list of persons knowledgeable in various fields with whom the National Editor could check accuracy of points raised in contributed articles.

Persons interested in volunteering should contact Dr. John Terence Golden 2609 Summit St., Columbus, OH 43202-2432  
Phone (614) 262-9579



## Detective work needed in tracking forebears (reprinted from the Columbus Dispatch, April 12, 1992)

One clue may be enough. Even if the evidence is skimpy and the facts are disjointed, don't cast aside any information as irrelevant without pursuing all possible sources.

This is especially true when searching for an immigrant's place of origin. Recent reprints of passenger lists, especially of 18th-century German-speaking immigrants, should be studied by anyone seeking the overseas residence of an ancestor.

One reader writes that her forebear Jacob Miller was born in Germany about 1702, moved to Philadelphia in 1715 and settled at Faulkner's Swamp, about 30 miles from the port city. She says he married Margaret Miller about 1725 and had children, Christian, Henry, John and perhaps others. John and his wife, Barbara Mauzy, had Elizabeth in 1767 and John in 1768 in Pennsylvania; and Michael in 1770, Jacob (the reader's ancestor) in 1771, Henry in 1774, Adam in 1779, George in 1780 and Moses in 1785, all in Virginia. The reader needs proof of Jacob and Margaret's marriage, and would like to find the family's Bible, in Virginia or Pennsylvania.

In seeking German-speaking forebears, remember that their surnames in America may be different from those on a passenger list or in the old country.

*Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709-1786*, edited by Don Yoder (Genealogical Publishing, 1980), is a reprint of lists published in the *Pennsylvania Folklife Society Journal*. The index includes 12 men named Jacob Mueller, two Jacob Muller and two Jacob Miller. Each needs to be checked for his date of arrival and the names of those listed next to him.

A John Jacob Mueller traveled on the ship *Patience*, which docked Sept. 16, 1848, from Rotterdam. Also on board were Michael Mueller, Johannes Mueller and Margretha Mueller. While the given names are the same as some in the reader's family, the dates are off. Further research is needed.

*Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century*, compiled by Albert B. Faust and Gaius M. Brumbaugh (1920 reprint, Genealogical Publishing, 1991), includes two entries for a Jacob Muller (none under Mueller or Miller). One is listed with an Adam, Margreth and Johannes Muller on the text's last page, where it says, "Jacob Mueller, Johannes Muller, Margreth Muller, brothers

## FIND YOUR ANCESTORS



### JOY WADE MOULTON

and sister of Adam Muller."

In an affidavit, Adam said Jacob and Margreth Muller had been in the New World nearly 50 years. Johannes, who apparently arrived later, died before 1749, "when negotiations concerning the inheritance he bequeathed to his brother, Adam, and John Jones began."

This information was extracted from the State Archives of Basil, Switzerland. The specific reference was *Gerichts-Archiv* ("Court-Archives") V, "a series of volumes with the proceedings of the *Waisengericht* Orphans Court, to which all intricate and doubtful matters of inheritance, and requests to declare persons legally dead, were referred."

The description of this Muller family has similarities to the reader's ancestors. A Jacob came to America in 1715. Margaret, said to be his wife, might have been a sister. At that time, minor children coming to America without their parents were unusual. A deceased father makes this more plausible. Adam's affidavit that Jacob and Margreth had left 47 years before indicates they were still alive in 1762. Because most people did not live past 60 to 70 at that time, the Mullers would have been young when they arrived.

The reader should check the Family History Library Catalog at the Family History Center and Palatines to America, 2199 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43209.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Joy Wade Moulton will conduct three workshops, "Searching for Ancestors in England," on May 5, 12 and 17 at Borders Book Shop, 4545 Kenny Rd. A prepaid registration fee of \$45 for the series should be sent to Family History Workshops, P.O. Box 21534, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

## Publications

**Ancestor Chart Index, Vol. 5** is at the printer and will be available for sale at the National Conference. Cost of the index is \$10. For mail orders postage and handling will be additional.

**Illinois German-Americana Genealogical Sources, Vol. 2**, published by the Illinois Chapter, edited by Ron Otto. Sources for German research in north-eastern Illinois counties. Price \$13. Send order to Mrs. Marie Beernink, attn. IL German Book-2, 5753 Washington St., Downers Grove, IL 60516-1310.

**Bibliography on the Colonial Germans of North America**. Emil Meynen 1932. Re-printed by Genealogical Publishing House, 1982. Hard bound, Originally \$35.00 now \$15 plus \$4 shipping and handling. Send order to; PA Chapter PalAm, P.O. Box 280, Strasburg, PA 17579. Request "Meynen Book".

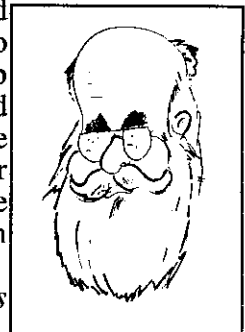
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## Editor's Ramblings

More news and less rambling is good news. My frau and I greatly enjoyed the peaceful Holmes county weekend. We missed some friends who were ailing and unable to attend. Bob Schnetzer and Glen Stanhope are regular attendees. We wish them well.

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