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Spring Conference Saturday, May 4, 1996

Dalton, Ohio On US 30 East of Wooster -- Speaker HENNING SCHROEDER

National Conference

June 6 through the 8, 1996

Peoria, Illinois

Holiday Inn City Centre

The national conference of the Palatines to America Society (German genealogy) will meet in Peoria, Illinois at the Holiday Inn City Centre from June 6 through the 8, 1996.

The program will provide a smorgasbord, (in German a Schwedenplatte), of workshops and seminars on tracing, documenting and recording your ancestors in the United States and Germany. The variety will include information on tracing ancestors in Schleswig-Holstein, Ostfriesland, Pomerania, German religious activity in Illinois, and evaluating your materials. Additional possible programs will be on north German immigration to the USA, use of Internet, computer uses in genealogy, and the plat-deutsch language (north German).

A special presentation by a professional photographer on experiences in taking pictures in Europe will be part of the Friday noon luncheon program.

This conference is the twenty first birthday of Palatines to America Society. It is coming of age and will celebrate with a birthday party at the Friday night banquet, which will include entertainment by a German band.

The national conference will close with the organization's annual business meeting.

Registration information and program detail can be obtained from Marjorie Kroehler, conference chairman at 6910 N. Rockvale, Peoria, IL 61614; or fax 309-691-6118, or Marie Beernink, conference registrar, 5753 Washington St., Downers Grove, IL 60516

Henning Schroeder-- Topics yet to be selected
Roger Geiser- "Descendants of early settlers of the Sonnenberg-Kidron community."

Travel Consultant- "Ins and outs of travel to Germany"

Henning Schroeder of Gummersbach, West Germany, has been active as a professional genealogist since 1977. Mr. Schroeder specializes geographically in the Rhineland, Westphalia, Hesse, Saxony, and Luxembourg. He is also an expert in the fields of German emigration and Jewish research. He has authored articles in several U. S. genealogical journals, including lists of emigrants from German lands to America in the 1700's. Since 1985 he has been a trustee of the Westdeutsche Gesellschaft für Familienkunde (German society for Genealogy) in Cologne; he founded its local chapter in Gummersbach and is its chairman. He is a member of a group of leading German genealogists who know English and advertise in German-American genealogical publications for the American market.

Roger Geiser , of Kidron, Ohio will discuss a project to document the descendants of early settlers of the Sonnenberg-Kidron community. A data base of over 60,000 persons has been created. Discussion will include what computer programs are being used and how you may use this project for your research.

Mark this date on your calender and plan to attend a great meeting!

Complete program details and registration card will be mailed to you in March.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following 42 new members (includes associate and family memberships) have had their names added to the Ohio Chapter roster bringing the total individual member count to 796.

Jean Hall

Membership Registrar

We welcome these new members to PalAm and hope they will find their active participation enjoyable and profitable. All members are invited to become involved in Chapter activities.

Members and their state of residence:

NAME	CITY
Arizona	
Yager, Gordon	Sun City West
California	
Planck, Ron	Granada
Florida	
Falor, Russell	Tampa
Snyder, Guy	Merritt Island
Snyder, Jean	Merritt Island
Georgia	
Phillips, Linda Chaklos	Milledgeville
Sterrett Jr, Edgar	Alpharetta
Sterrett, Nancy Wertman	Alpharetta
Indiana	
Allen Co Public Library	Fort Wayne
Kansas	
Stone, David C	Wichita
Michigan	
Herberger, Antoinette H	Plymouth
Herberger, O Lee	Plymouth
Hice, Harold C	Dearborn
Najarian, Marge	Plymouth
Walby, Leonard V	St Clair Shores
Wogen, Bette Jane	Roseville
Missouri	
Roberts, Linda L	Liberty
New York	
Allen, Earl E	Bridgewater

Bennett, Fredric M
Bennett, Valerie Weber
Debell, Marion Rott
Dickerson, Joe
Duer, Barbara C
Flege, Eileen K
Fleischmann, Janis D
Fox, Joann
Maurer, Earl Hoak
Meyer, Dorothy M
Meyer, Jack A
Poling, Kenneth E
Poling, Marilyn R
Schwartz, Dick
Schwartz, Sue
Seiple, Stephen B

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 Cincinnati
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 Wikander, Dorothy E

Seattle
 Tacoma
 Seattle

Wisconsin

Luetzow, Joan M
 Werner, Lu Anne

Milwaukee
 Port Edwards

West Virginia

Collins, Linda H

Morgantown

We encourage you to continue your PalAm membership !and to send articles of interest to the editor-Surnames you are searching , Queries etc.

Obituary

Mr. Wilbur Eugene **Dilbone Sr.** Colon, Michigan

Gift Certificate Available

A popular gift for a friend or relative is the gift of membership in Palatines to America. Send your check for the regular membership dues to the National Office and specify who the gift is intended for. That person will receive a special card advising them of the gift and the name of the donor.

Moving?

Don't forget to send your change of address to the National office.

Letter from the President

While I sit here in north central Ohio in the midst all of the snow on the ground I try to think just how much different the weather will be on Saturday the 4th of May. You will remember from the last newsletter that this day is for our Ohio Chapter Spring Conference. The featured speaker will be Henning Schroeder of Gummersbach, Germany. His subject topics have as yet to be selected, but with his writing and research back ground we are assured of a day worth attending. We thank Bob Ward and Eleanor Brucken of the Cleveland area for pointing out Henning's availability to speak during his trip to the U.S. Given this advance advice we were able to beat the notice in *The Palatine Immigrant* for this date. In this area he is scheduled to give talks before our date at the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Cincinnati and the next week after the 4th at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Tenn. So come and hear him in a more informal setting in Dalton, Ohio.

Second we will hear how Roger Geiser and his son, of Kidron, Ohio and others are progressing with their project to document the descendants of the early settlers of the Sonnenberg-Kidron community. Starting with these early 1800's immigrants of the area then adding their descendants has produced as of last fall a computer database of over 60,000 persons. We will find out just how this project started, where the data has been coming from, what programs are being used, and how you may use the project for your research.

Third but not least, since we will be having a speaker traveling from Germany it is planned to have a Travel Consultant talk about the ins and outs of travel to

our early ancestors starting point across the "big pond". All of us have thoughts of making such a trip but are not sure if we should join a tour or go it alone. Maybe you have a question or two that you would like to be addressed, if so drop me a note. You may have asked yourself just where is Dalton, Ohio? Well checking your maps, Dalton is located on US 30 between Wooster and Massillon at the intersection of Ohio 94. The community is in the process of finishing a new auditorium, which we have reserved for that day. If you as a reader have any questions about the conference, or any other chapter matter my address is listed as part of the newsletter.

Our Newsletter Editor asked about queries and if they were of use to our members if posted in the newsletter. I have received an answer from a person who remembered reading my 1989 query in a family newsletter called "Heller Helper". I was asking for help with my Baumgardner-Heller line who had come to Wayne County, Ohio from eastern Penn. in the early 1830's. While this person was working on her Wasser-Heller line she ran across material, from a private collection, that was written in 1910-11. These letters contained references to the Baumgardner family and the parents of Mrs. Baumgardner. Thus another "brick wall", the second in a year, has fallen for me. This one now points the way to the immigrant Johan Christoph Heller born ca 1688 in Pfedersheim, Germany and came to America in 1738 with his family including son John Michael Heller who's son Hiob (Job) Heller had a daughter Mrs. (Catherine) Baumgardner. I read a lot of queries but do not submit many, always put it off till later, but OH! what if I had not sent this one in and what if this "new

cousin" had not after seven years remembered my Baumgardner-Heller story. You know the moral of this story, even though it took some time to get an answer, that this answer was one I would have not found without a query. The second "brick wall" was broken for us when another cousin found on interment records the names of parents of a person we had looked for years for.

I hope that the new year brings everyone good health and the joys of fellowship as members of Pal-Am. Your President and Vice President are both a little under the weather and have or need to have more tests done to better their health and hope to have a better report on that subject next time. Speaking of health let me add as I close. If you are a person who lives alone please tell someone, a family member or lawyer, where your important papers can be found. And if medical tests are in your plans some people under go tests that result in poor health that they do not recover from and during this period of time communication is poor and memory is also poor. Just ask me about my younger bachelor brother who passed away in early December.

Robert E. Strock,
President Ohio Chapter

Editor's note. Since receiving this letter from our Chapter President I have learned that he has had a heart chateritization. Bob is scheduled for coronary bypass surgery Feb. 13 We hope he will dowell and that his recovery will be swift and excellent.

. Vice President Jack Quinn underwent angioplasty in December and says he is doing well.

LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

TITLE	AUTHOR	DONOR
Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants & Surveys 1653-1781, Vol V	Peggy Shomo Joyner	Peggy Shomo Joyner
Alsatian Connections Vol. 1	Wesner, Doris	Palatines to America
Americans From Germany	Wilk, Gerard	Max Kade Ger-Am Culture
Anc. & Desc. of William Browning Green & Mary Hoxsie Lewis w/Allied families	Wright, William E.	Wright, William E
Ashbrook's Burial Ground, Glendora, Gloucester tp, N. J.; hist. & dedication	Leap, William W.	Leap, William W
Auswander- Chronick der Gemeinde Lienen	Hunseke, F. E.	Cope, Robinson E
Auswanderungen aus dem Odenwaldkreis Band 4		Mangus, John M.
Brendlinger Family History 1660-1994	Brendlinger, LeRoy R.	Brendlinger, LeRoy R
Chronik des mittleren OstertOls	Zimmer, Klaus	Koontz, John F
Civil War Discharges: Wood Co. Bowling Green, Ohio	Norem. Betty, comp.	Weber, Les
Clowes-Swanson Genealogy; w/ gen of the Korn, Uhl & Thompson families	Wi t herspoon , Lois Cl	owesWitherspoon, Lois C
Composite index to Five Lists of Members of the Atheneum Turners &	McDougal, Robert A,	McDougal, Robert A,
Descendants of George I. House and Sarah Kast	Abel, M. K.	Abel, M. K.
Dick Pence's Consolidated List of Genealogy Buletin Boards - NGS	Pence, Richard A.	Montrose, Carol
1 8th Century Register of Emigrants from SW Germany to America & countries	Hacker, Prof. Werner	Palatines to America
Emigration & Settlement patterns of German Cummunities in North America	Rdchmann, Ebahard, ed	Max Kade Ger-Am Center
familienbuch: Baumholder 1679-1798	Jung, von Rudi	Koontz, John F.
Family Recads from Bibles, Vol. 1	Bailey, R. Craig	S. Central Penn. Gen Soc.
Federation of Genealogical Societies: 1995 Membership	Fed. of Gen. Societies	Fed. of Gen. Socifflies
Ferner thue ich euch zu Wissen Briefe des Johann Heinrich zur Oeneste aus	Holtmann, Antonius	Calvin, Marguerite Crist
From the Wyoming Valley of Penn to the Platte Valley of Nebraska; the history	Hoppe, Rev. Leopdd H.	Hoppe, Rev. Leopold H.
Genealogical Guide to tracing Ancestors in Germany	Palen, Margaret Krug	Heritage Books, Inc
Genealogies cataloged by the Library of Congress since 1986	Llb of Congress	Mangus, John M.
Genealogy of the Enders Family 1740-1959	Baker, Sylvester William	Ponieger, Cecil P. E.
Genealogy of the Enders Family Vol II 1740-1900	Enders Fam. Assoc	Enders Fam. Assoc
German American Relations; a selective bibliography	Krewson, Margret Beran	Krewson, Margret Beran
German Element in Virginia; 2 vols in one with Index	Schuricht, Hermann	Palatines to America
German Immigrant Servant Contracts; RegistNed at the Port of Philadelphia	Grubb, Farley	Palatines to America
Germanic Genealogy; a guide to Worldwide Sources & Migration Patterns	Brandt, Edward R., et al	Germanic Gen. Soc.
Germans to America; Vol 47; Jul 1 883-Oct 1883	Glazier & Filby	Palatines to America
Germans to America; Vol 48; Nov 1 883-Apr 1884	Glazier & Filby	Palatines to America
Greenlawn Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio	Ross Cty. Gen Soc.	Reynolds, Lynden E.
Hennen's Choice; a comp. of the Desc. of Matthew Hennen 1752-1839 Vol Z	Hennon, Dorothy T.	Reynolds, Lynden E. "Gene"
Hennen's Choice; a comp. of the Desc. of Matthew Hennen 1752-1839 Vol. 1	Hennon, Dorothy T.	Reynolds, Lynden E. "Gene"
Hessian Report; Diary of Chaplain Philipp Waldeck 1776-1780	Burgoyne, Bruce E.	Heritage Books, Inc
Hessische Truppen im Amerikanischen Unabhangigkeitskrieg (hetrina) Bd II	Auerbach & Frohlich	Ohio Chapter
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Hist and Some Dague Desc. of John & Barbara Waitner Dague	Schetter, Carole J.	Schener, Carole J.
Hist. of Christ Reformed Church; United Church of Christ, Middletown, MD	Fogle, Paul Ellsworth	Fogle, Paul Ellsworth
Hockman Family History	Hockman, Dennis Uoyd & Richard P.	Hockman Pub.
Index to Copenhaver Family of Wythe Co, VA by Clifford Canfield	Calvin, Marguerite Crist, comp.	Calvin, Marguerite Crist
Indians from New York in Ontario & Qudbec, Canada; A gen reference Vol. 2	Prevost, Toni Jdlay	Heritage Books, Inc.
Johann Henrich Spitzer to penn. 1764; Some anc & Desc.	Joyner, Peggy Shomo	Joyner, Peggy Shomo
Kaempfer-Graff Book	Byler, Roga Lewis	Byler, Roger Lewis
Known Desc of Jacob Meyers/Meyer/Myer and Elizabeth Catherine Miller	Williams, Mary Meyers	Williams, Mary Meyers
Louisiana's German heritage: Louis Voss' Introductory Hist	Tolzmann, Don Heinrich, ed.	Palatines to America
Mundenheim Church Records; Photocopy of Original in Germany 1657-1750	Toney, Vrginia S.	
Ohio History; Vol 75 # 4 Autumn 1966; The Chillicothe Germans	Rippley, LaVern J.	Palatines to America
Ohio; Ddphos, Allen Co, St. John's Catholic Church Death Records & Misc.	Elwer, Imogene	Elwer, Imogene
Ohio: Ft. Jennings, Putnam County, Cemeteries	Putnam Co, Ohio Gen. Soc	Calvin, Marguerite Crist
Ohio: Glandorf, Putnam Co St. John's Catholic Church Baptisms & Deaths		Calvin, Marguerite Crist
Parr Family; Allied Fam Holdren, Hutchison, Moore, Jolly, Franks, Sheets, et al	Fleming, Helen Parr	Reynolds, Lynden E "Gene"
Passenger & Immigration Lists Bibliography 1538-1900 2d ed	Filby, P. William	Palatines to America
Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Charleston 1820-1829	Hdcomb, Brentt H.	Palatines to America
Pennsylvania Landmarks of the Revolution; a Bicentennial Guidebook for visitors	Tnussell, John B. B., jr	Ohio Chapter
People & Places; Putnam Co, Ohio 1800-1900	Calvin, Marguente Crist	Calvin, Marguente Crist
Rhode Island Passenger Lists	Taylor, Maureen A.	Palatines to America
Ruttencutter Family History	Evans, Martha Snyder	Reynolds, Lynden E.
Saanen, Switzaland Marriages 1563-1751	Kirchner, Fritz etal	Kastens, Dennis A

Saga of the Obems/Orbens; a journey from the Palatinate to California	Obern, A. Gaylord	Obern, A. Gaylord
Shufelt Family; Palatinate to Hudson Valley to Eastern Shore 1630-1995	Bergdall, Bernese Willis	Bergdall, Bernese Willis
St. John's Church Register, German Reformed & Lutheran, Augusta Co, Va.	Joyner, Peggy Shomo	Joyner, Peggy Shomo
Supplement to Vols I & II of the Enders Fam. Genealogy 1992	Enders Fam. Assoc.	Enders Fam Assoc.
Terman Coast during the Colonial Era 1722-1803	Merrill, Ellen C., ed	Everhart, Bonnie J.
Teter Desc of Hans Jorg & Marie Dieter; bn in Germany & Emig t Am in 1727;	ield, Eva A.	Wintfield, Eva A.
The Report 33; a journal of German American History Vol. XXXIII	Ripley, LaVern J	Palatines to America
Tombstone Inscriptions for Wirth's Evangdical Lutheran Church Cemetery,	Wert, Jonathan M.	Wert, Jonathan
Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Penn. Vol 1 1730-1767	Smith, Debra D. & Weiser, Frederick S.	Palatines to America
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Weimer Family Newsletters 1991-1998	Weimer Gen. Center	Schetter, Carole J.
Wert Ancestors of Jonathan M. Wert	Wert, Jonathan M.	Wert Fam Assoc.
Westward Ho' 22-24 June 1995 Syllabus	Pearson, Ann Lisa	Colorado Chapter
Westmoreland Ne' Neville Rev. Ed.	Maples, Olin V.	Heritage Booka, Inc
Yuncker Family of Baerendorf; their history, culture and impact.	Yuncker, David Bernard	Yuncker, David 9ernard

From The Library:

Thanks are expressed to those who have responded to the library report in the newsletter. We have received newsletters from several people, and these are very welcome additions to the family history section of the library. We also appreciate those from various societies.

We are unable currently to purchase family histories. It is necessary to use our funds for resource books, especially those of German origin. It is my hope that those who are printing books or know of a book which would be appropriate to a German research facility, would consider helping with acquisitions by donation or funding. For instance, Lorraine Frantz Edwards is publishing a history of Frantz Families - Kith & Kin. This book contains many names of value to researchers including my own Crist. This is not my personal Crist line, but I am willing to donate \$25 towards its purchase. If others would be interested, we could then purchase this \$100 book. Obviously, it is difficult for an author to donate a \$100 book, but together researchers could place it in the library. This is true of books other than family histories, also.

We are updating the donation list. This list is now misnamed, as vertical file material is no longer placed on it, nor are newsletters. We have been making a separate list of those and a compiled list will soon be sent with the donation list. Wilma Webber has made a card file of all newsletters with issues received, and all are marked as they arrive. All family newsletters are now placed in the vertical file, or on the family history shelves if they are in a binder.

Our research requests are up-to-date (except for the holidays), because our researchers have been working hard. This is a great way to do research in our facility, but please enclose a SASE, and ask one question for one surname at a time. Be specific in your request. You may write again, but wait until you get your response. If we have to use a larger envelope, your SASE will be returned to you. [If you enjoy researching, we can always use more volunteers for this project. This is the way members from chapters out of state use our facility.

The program for cataloging ~s now in, and we will soon begin the work of organizing the library. This will be helpful to everyone, including our volunteer researchers. In moving books around as we inventory etc., they no longer know where to look for the books. They will be very happy when we get the spines marked! Volunteers to put information in the computer are needed. Please consider helping. It is not that hard. There is a template, and information will be marked in the books, so that it is simply a matter of putting it in the computer.

Volunteers are still needed for the first Saturday of the month, and for other days also if you can volunteer one day a month, two or three days a month, it would be great. Call the office and Vivian will pass on the message, or call me direct. I am usually at the library on Friday mornings for sure.

Thank you for all your support and help. Our library is growing and can only get better. The DAR library began just as we did, and look at that facility!

*Marguerite Crist Calvin
Librarian Palatines to America*

Thanks PalAm Library

It was about a year ago that I became aware that members of Palatines to America are eligible to receive help from the PalAm Library in Columbus. Since we in Colorado are so far from the facility, this can be a real help with the ancestor search.

One must supply as much background information as possible. I sent:

- Ancestral and In-law immigrant surname
- Various spellings for the surname
- Religious faith, if known
- Date of immigration, if known
- Ports of entry and departure, if known
- Province or village or origin, if known
- Earliest ancestral American dwelling place
- Any other pertinent information

The helpful research volunteers at the PalAm Library will search the many books, publications, ancestor charts and any other data which they can locate which might pertain to your ancestor. I also appreciated the other helpful suggestions which they sent as to where I might look for these elusive ancestors.

I would like to thank volunteers Mary Ellen Garrett, Jean Mitchell and Jean Hall for finding information for my WALTNER and DRUSHAL lines. This is an under-utilized resource available to our members.

The library prefers just on surname request per envelope. Be sure to enclose a legal size SASE. The cost of photocopies will be sent to you with the material which is found.

Address your request to:
Palatines to America Library
Capital University, Box 101
Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394

- *Carole Schetter*

QUERIES

LEYH, Louis

Seek information on Louis LEYH b ca 1856 in Gelnhausen, Hesse, Germany. Migrated to U.S. in 1882 with younger brother, John, and sister, Margarete. Settled in Sandusky, OH; married Sabina; had at least a son, Ludwig and a daughter, Luella Died ca 1910.

Here's what I know so far. My grandfather, John Leyh was born in Gelnhausen on 8 July 1866. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1882 most likely accompanied by his older brother, Louis, and sister, Margarete. The 1910 census shows the port of entry as MA, probably Boston. Nothing further is known of John Leyh's early years. His brother, Louis, settled in Sandusky, OH and was there at least from 1890 to 1910.

John was naturalized on 2 November 1887 in Sandusky. He later migrated west ca 1890.

Thanks so much for the newsletter. I am a new member and a beginner.

Gene B. Foster
19100 36th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98188

Kuhn, Michael

Seeking parents and origins of ancestors Johann Michael Kuhn And his wife Catherine Carr. They were in Pennsylvania from 1748 until after 1752, then in Rowan County NC by 1759. Their daughter Margaret married Georg Erdmayer in Lancaster County PA

William R. Phillips
4414 Gailwood Avenue
Memphis TN 38122-1753

International Festival

Ohio PalAm sponsored a booth for Palatines to America at the International Festival which was held at the Columbus Veteran's Memorial Nov. 4 & 5, 1995. This was the fourth consecutive year the chapter has done this.

The booth was set up by Jack Quinn and Pat Mooney.

Volunteers manned the booth in 2 hour shifts. Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Nancy and Jim Amaral,
Philip Beltz,
Margaret Calvin,
Mary Hess,
John Mangus,
Robert and Elizabeth Mowery,
Jack Quinn,
Robert Rudy,
Shirley & Robert Roelle,
Andrea & Ira Simons,
Jeanne Thompson,
Robert Tieman,
Ruth & Les Weber
And Margaret Calvin for returning books and materials to the Library.

Genealogy Workshop

The PalAm Ohio workshop was held January 20 at the Grandview Heights Public Library. The speaker was Ken Poling, a PalAm and OGS member. The two morning sessions were:

1. US Military Records, 1700s to present; Service Records, Pension Files, Bounty Lands .
2. Immigration Data; Passenger Lists and naturalizations.

Arrangements for the workshop were made by Pat Mooney & Jack Quinn. Many thanks to Jeanne Thompson and Robert Rudy for making telephone reminders to interested person. Over 100 calls were made. Attendance was 37.

**Next Workshop 16 March 1996
9:00 - 11:30 am**

**Grandview Heights Library
1685 West First Ave.**

Speaker: Jim Amaral

1. De-mystifying Computers. What a computer is and does.
2. How It Can Help in Genealogy

A meeting of the Chapter Board will be held after the Workshop.

Society moving archives into computer age

• Researchers Nationwide can now access some birth and death records by electronic mail.

It is now possible to order some Ohio birth and death records by electronic mail from the Ohio Historical Society. In addition, researchers across the county can obtain information about programs, services and collections of the Archives/Library Division through the society's home page on the World Wide Web.

The society has begun to electronically catalog the State Archives of Ohio and to convert the Archives/Library's printed catalog. When the project is completed, researchers will have immediate access to sources at the society.

The society collections include books, periodicals, journals, newsletters, manuscripts, maps, and state and local archives.

Among the printed sources is a collection of county histories, city and county directories, some 2,500 genealogies, and family histories and publishes military histories.

Of special interest are the military rosters from the American Revolution through World War I. For each individual, the unit, rank, age, length of service and brief comments about service are included. Civil War rosters contain a list of battles in which individual regiments participated. All rosters are either indexed or in alphabetical order by surname.

A microfilm copy of the Graves Registration File includes most veterans buried in Ohio, regardless of the state in which they

served. It covers Revolutionary War veterans and, extends to 1967. Surnames are listed in alphabetical order.

Other military sources of note include the Military History of Ohio by H.H. Hardesty (New York, 188G-87). This multi volume work gives an overview of the participation of Ohio units in the Indian War, War of 1812, Mexican War and Civil War. The volumes cover 29 of the 88 counties in the state.

Published histories for Ohio artillery, infantry and cavalry regiments also are among the society's holdings.

In addition to the Ohio Census for 1820-1880 and 1900-1920 on microfilm, mortality schedules which list Ohio deaths for one year preceding June 1 of the census year also are on microfilm. Included are: 1850 (counties H-N), 1860 (all counties) and 1880 (counties Geauga). Only 1850 is indexed.

Birth and death records for various periods, obtained from a variety of sources including probate court and transcribed records of the Daughters of the American Revolution, are available on microfilm for 29 counties. The research service staff of the society will search for one name in one county for a \$3 fee, plus 18 cents state tax for Ohio residents. When the date of birth or death is not known, please specify a 10-year period to be searched with each request.

There is no statewide index to marriage records before Sept. 7, 1949; records before that date were kept in the counties. The society does have a collection of

county records on film, together with other transcriptions.

The society is the state depository for Ohio newspapers, most of which are also on microfilm. Approximately one-half of the counties have a printed index to early issues of at least one newspaper. It is now possible to order a microfilm copy for which the society holds the original. An American Library Association Loan form obtained from and submitted through a local public library should include a check for \$8 per roll made payable to the society. Allow 30 days for delivery to the library.

For information on additional holdings, send for a free copy of the Ohio Historical Society Information Packet to 1982 Velma Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211, or access the home page of society on the World Wide Web: <http://winslo.ohio.gov/ohswww/ohshome.html>

E-mail requests may be sent to the society for a half-hour search of the following indexes: vital records, probate indexes, grantor-grantee deed indexes, census indexes and naturalization. For each search (one name in one source) the fee is \$3. A statement will be sent following the search. Use: ohsref@winslo.ohio.gov

Joy Wade Moulton
(From the Columbus Dispatch by permission of the author)

Joy Wade Moulton is a regular contributor to the Dispatch and has a monthly Genealogical call-in program on WOSU AM. She is an Ohio Chapter member

OHIO VITAL STATISTICS

Vital statistics record the most important events in our lives: our births, our marriages, and our deaths. And these public documents are the research materials most frequently referenced by the staff of the Ohio Historical Society's Archives/Library Division. Death certificate requests alone make up more than half of the twelve thousand mail inquiries replied to annually by the division's reference librarians. Other records may be more interesting, or more important historically, but no records are more often used than vital statistics.

There are several important dates researchers must keep in mind when using Ohio vital statistics. The first is 1867, the year in which the state first required public officials in each of its eighty-eight counties to maintain birth and death records. The second is December 1908, at which time a department of state government, the Bureau of Vital Statistics, first began keeping birth and death records. The third is 1949, the year in which marriage records—kept by officials at the county level since 1803 were first maintained on a statewide basis by the Ohio Division of Vital Statistics.

Marriage records were among the first public documents created and maintained by county officials in the Northwest Territory, and the practice of recording marriages—originally undertaken to ensure the orderly validation of property rights in probate proceedings—continued at the county level after Ohio became a state in 1803.

There is no statewide index available for marriages that took place in Ohio before September 7, 1949. Those who are interested in researching marriages dated

prior to that time need to know the county in which they occurred. Ohio's statewide marriage record file and index is located at the Division of Vital Statistics in Columbus (P.O. Box 15098, 35 East Chestnut Street 43215). The telephone number is (614) 466 — 2531.

The marriage record holdings of the Archives/Library Division are incomplete at best, with files for the counties of central Ohio among the most comprehensive. The division's Franklin County holdings, for example, date from 1803 through 1969. Marriage record files for counties in other regions of the state, however, are generally meager, particularly so for the twentieth century.

Marriage records dated before September 7, 1949, and birth and death records dated before December 20, 1908, are still considered county records and may be held at the office of origin, at the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus, or at a member repository of the Ohio Network of American History Research Centers. Uncertainty surrounding the exact location of these records is one of the most common and vexing problems facing genealogists who pursue family history research in Ohio.

At some time in the future, the birth record files that are now maintained by the Ohio Division of Vital Statistics may be transferred to the custody of the Ohio Historical Society. The historical society, which serves as the State Archives of Ohio, currently holds death records dating from December 1, 1908, through December 31, 1944. Last October the Division of Vital Statistics transferred an eight-year series of death records dating from January 1, 1937, through December 31, 1944, to the Ohio Historical Center. The transfer includes

more than six hundred thousand individual certificates bound in 2,548 volumes. It is expected that the records, which are indexed and cover the entire state, will be open to researchers by January 1996.

In order to make these frequently used records more widely available and to preserve the information they contain, the Archives/Library Division recently arranged to have both the index and the death certificates microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The LDS Church, working through the Genealogical Society of Utah, microfilms select series of vital statistics for free and then provides a copy of the film to the custodian of the original files. The work is done all over the world—with records having been filmed even in the iron curtain countries of Europe before the fall of communism. The microfilm is sent to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City where it is available to the public. It is also loaned on request to LDS family history centers found throughout the United States. Most users of the microfilmed genealogical records are not members of the LDS Church.

Those who film the vital statistics are LDS missionaries, usually a husband and wife team. They are taught microfilming procedures and are supervised by a micrographics professional employed by the Genealogical Society of Utah. The Ohio Historical Society has had a long and fruitful relationship with the Genealogical Society of Utah dating back to 1959. Over the past two years, five LDS missionary teams have refilmed more than two million death certificates, work made necessary by the poor quality of the original microfilm file.

Birth, marriage, and death records are continually requested by researchers who visit the reading room of the Ohio Historical Center. The Archives/Library Division of the Ohio Historical Society, working in cooperation with the Genealogical Society of Utah and the Ohio Division of Vital Statistics, is ensuring that these family history resources, as well as other equally important government records, are preserved and made available to the public.

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GERMAN FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP WITH ERNEST THODE

When: Saturday, March 30, 1996, 9:00 - 4:30
(registration at 8:00)

Where: American Legion, 812 Beverly Place
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8:00 - 9:00 am Registration: Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate and donut holes will be available.

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome and Announcements

9:15 - 10:15 am. SOURCES TO USE IN YOUR
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12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch provided at the Legion Hall.
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