



# PALATINE HERITAGE

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## Spring Conference Review

The spring conference of the Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America was held in Dalton High School auditorium. The modern auditorium was an excellent facility for our meeting which was well attended by 111 enthusiastic genealogists including 30 non-members. An ample and tasty lunch was served. President Strock did a fine job in making the arrangements for this conference.

**Henning Schroeder-** of Gummersbach, West Germany, was the first speaker. His first talk was "German Research: The Sources. Altes Reich (15th-18th Century)". His second session was the last of the conference and covered "German Churchbooks : their History, Contents, Deficiencies". Each of Herr Schroeder's talks covered a lot of territory and details. Church Books in Germany are important genealogical sources as Civil Registration had not been established in Germany until 1875. The "Deutsches Reich" did not exist until 1871. Lutheran churchbooks started in the 1530's and are the oldest churchbooks in most German areas. Most of the old Catholic churchbooks were based on the Council of Trent in 1563 and they listed baptisms and marriages, it was not until 1614 when the "Rituale Romanum" required death registers as well. Mr. Schroeder has been active as a professional genealogist since 1977. Mr. Schroeder specializes geographically in the Rhineland, Westphalia, Hesse, Saxony, and Luxembourg. 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. Mr. Schroeder offers his genealogical services for research in Germany. Post address: P.O. Box 10 08 22, 51608, Gummersbach, Germany. E-Mail: 100570.2131@.com.

**Roger Geiser-** of Kidron, Ohio "Descendants of early settlers of the Sonnenberg-Kidron community.". He discussed a project to document the descendants of early settlers of the Sonnenberg-Kidron community. This project has been working with GRANDMA (Genealogical Register and Database of Mennonite Ancestry) to help provide

information for researchers of Mennonite and Amish ancestry. Roger along with his son and others have created a data base of over 60,000 persons. Discussion included, what computer programs are being used and how you may use this project for your research. Problems discussed were the complexities of a data base of this size and the difficulty of assuring no duplications were made as many different individuals in the area have the same names. Mr. Geiser says that they use a variety of computer programs as no single program has all the features needed.

## Ohio Chapter Elects Officers

The business meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held after the lunch break. The only item on the agenda was the election of officers for the coming fiscal year. The nominating committee presented a slate consisting of last years officers with the exception of Glen Stanhope (the committee was unable to contact him). President Robert Strock the asked for nominations from the floor. No new nominations were made and a vote of the members approved the slate. The officers are listed on the last page of this issue.

**Betty Pietrangelo** , Travel Consultant gave a talk on "Travel Plans In Your Future?". She did not concentrate on travel to Germany but gave useful information on travel abroad in general. Her talk was especially useful to those planning their first overseas adventure but gave many new tips for experienced travelers. She has certification with the Institute of Certified Travel Agents and is on the staff of Travel Agents International in Orrville, Ohio.

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# Willkommen

## NEW MEMBERS

The following 44 new members (includes associate and family memberships) have had their names added to the Ohio Chapter roster bringing the total individual member count to 739. You will note that our membership total is quite a bit less than the 796 given in the last report in the Volume XIV issue of the Ohio Palatine Heritage. Accept my apology for using the figure (796 for Ohio membership) this was actually the total mail count, which includes, libraries, exchange newsletters and Board members.

*Jean Hall, Membership Registrar*

### Members And Their State Of Residence:

Name	State	City
<b>Arizona</b>		
Wylie, Lila		Bella Vista
<b>California</b>		
Frye, David J		La Mesa
Frye, Jo Ann		La Mesa
Lewis, Virginia J		Long Beach
Syed, Susan		Palo Alto
Van Vooren, Carin J		Folsom
<b>Florida</b>		
Apgar, Dorothy E		Lake Placid
Swanson, Jeanne Cook		Oldsmar
<b>Georgia</b>		
Salvatore, Marcia Koegel		Suwanee
<b>Indiana</b>		
Crouse, Fred K		Nashville
York, Park		Columbus
<b>Kentucky</b>		
Korzenborn, Ruth G		Edgewood
<b>Michigan</b>		
Goetz, Frances R		Detour Village
Mazie, Marilyn J		Grand Rapids
Morris, Thomas B		Imlay City
<b>Missouri</b>		
Flaningam, Mary Ellen		St Louis
Saunders, Karen L Owen		Independence
<b>Nevada</b>		
Meahl Jr, Starling		Sparks
<b>New York</b>		
Pontius, James W		Niskayuna
Pontius, Kathryn S		Niskayuna
<b>Ohio</b>		
Bapst, Eileen P		Beaver
Boehm, Jon		Findlay
Burkholder, Michael Alan		Sugar Grove
Burkholder, Susan C		Sugar Grove
Cornett, David A		Columbus

Cornett, Kathleen R  
 Douglas, Nancy L  
 Douglas, R Lee  
 Frederick, Allen R  
 Frederick, Renee L Moody  
 Kerscher, Martin J  
 Koch, Edward A  
 Kuntz, J Lowell  
 Peitz, Earl F  
 Robinson, Charles H  
 Robinson, Karen S  
 Vergamini, Barbara A  
 Winegarden, David

Columbus  
 Wapakoneta  
 Wapakoneta  
 Reynoldsburg  
 Reynoldsburg  
 Columbus  
 Hilliard  
 Maineville  
 Columbus  
 Lima  
 Lima  
 Hillsboro  
 Pickerington

### Pennsylvania

Ingram, Patricia  
 Pittsburgh

### Texas

Lutz, Helen Hubert  
 Houston  
 Weber, Vernon J  
 Schulenburg

### Virginia

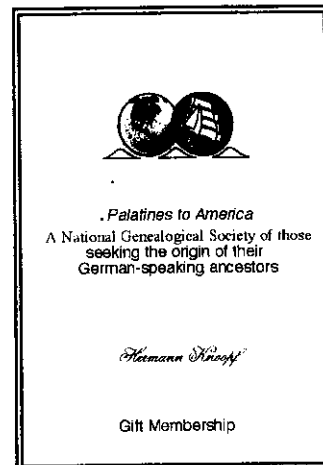
Roeseler, Elaine  
 Arlington  
 Griffith, Carrie  
 Waterford

### Washington

Flory, William J  
 Grandview

We encourage you to continue your PalAm membership! Send articles of interest to the editor - Surnames you are searching, Queries, family reunion announcements, etc.

### 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

## OUR PALATINE HERITAGE

(Palatine Heritage, Vol. V No. 1, 1981)

The Rev. Alvin F. Messersmith served as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the town of Saugerties, New York, from 1956 - 1970. This church is the oldest in this town, having been organized in the year 1710 by a portion of the German Palatines. He sent a booklet published by this church on the occasion of the 265th anniversary of its founding in 1975 to Mrs. Jean Hall with the following excerpts of the account of

"Why and how the Palatines came to West Camp".

"The readers of Sir Walter Scott will remember the word Paladin, which occurs in his writings. A Paladin is a ruler who lives in a palace. If he rules a country, he is called a Count Palatine, and the country is called Country Palatine or a Palatinate.

"Two such Palatinates existed in Germany. The upper Palatinate was in the north of Bavaria. The lower Palatinate was up in the Rhine, with that river running through it. Its capital was the university town of Heidelberg. Its inhabitants and their kindred on the east called it in their German language the Pfälz or the Rhein Pfälz. The Netherlands on the north and west called it in their tongue the Pfälz. Here the Reformed Church prospered, and here a temporary home was found by the Huguenots who afterwards came to America.

"In the year 1708 a dozen families, fleeing from the invasion of the Pfälz by the French, reached London, having left all their possessions behind, but having some certificates from the magistrates of their integrity of character. Amongst these was Joshua Kocherthal (born Harrsch, the reason for his change of name is still unclear). Joshua Kocherthal was born in 1669 at Fachsenfeld in Germany and came to America first in 1708 and again with the large migration in 1710. He had been ordained at Sindolsheim in Germany in 1696. In America he served as pastor to the German Lutherans who had settled along the Hudson River and did so until his death in 1719. He lived first at today's Newburgh and later at Newton (West Camp). A Christian gentleman and a fine scholar, he had sufficient influence with the court of Queen Anne to induce the sovereign to send the little colony to her American dominions at government expense.

"Pastor Kocherthal was in the prime of life and was accompanied by his wife and three children. Several other families had joined the colony in London and the whole number increased to 41.

"They left England in the same fleet that which brought back Lord Lovelace, the Governor of New York and New Jersey. It was Governor Lovelace, who on February 20, 1669, confirmed freedom of worship to the Lutherans. The "Globe" on which the Palatines had embarked was eleven weeks at

sea, arriving in New York on New Year's day, 1709. The weather was very tempestuous, and the vessel were driven asunder and many suffered severely both from the cold and the scarcity of water.

"These families were located upon two thousand one hundred and ninety acres of land lying adjacent to Quaseck Kill, in the locality called by the Hollanders "The Dans kammer" on land now occupied by the city of Newburgh. But Lord Lovelace having died before the title to these lands had been secured, Dominie Kocherthal at once undertook a return voyage to England in behalf of his countrymen, leaving his family in New York, where his daughter was born during his absence.

"He was successful in securing for the newly appointed Governor Hunter instructions respecting the Palatines, similar to those which had been given to his predecessor, and came out in the same fleet with him, sailing from Portsmouth and landing at New York, June 14, 1710, a voyage of nearly six months!

He had found abundant work during his absence. The refugees from the Palatinate had increased from tens to thousands, and nearly three thousand were sent to New York by the same fleet which brought back the Minister and the new Governor. Four hundred and seventy died from exposure and from want of food and water. Many were sick. But these speedily recovered at the encampment on the island in New York harbor, the called Nutten Island from the nut-trees which grew upon it, better known since as Governor's Island.

"From the documentary history of Ulster county, it appears that the number of Palatines who were residents at Newton (West Camp) and the vicinity in the winter of 1710, was about two hundred and sixty, including men, women, and children. Prominent amongst these were Hermann Scheuneman, Capt. John C. Garlack, the Maurers, Mullers, Spanhimers, Schaeffers, Kelmers, Overbachs, Dietrichs, Kieffes, Emerichs, Frolichs, Beckers, some names still preserved at West Camp to this day. Up to 1711 the three towns on the west bank of the Hudson, including West Camp, had a population of 614. In 1715, the number had increased to about 1500. These colonists understood that they were to be settled on the Mohawk and on the flats at Schoharie.

"These families were to have forty acres of land each, to cultivate for their own use, and were to make tar for the English navy, to compensate for the expense of sending them out. But the Mohawk and Schoharie flats did not grow pines, and the Government was anxious about the tar. Besides, that region was not yet entirely safe from the Indians, and there were pine lands along the

Hudson. Moreover, Robert Livingston, from Scotland, who had been a Government contractor before, was ready to sell 6000 acres of his land on the east side of the river and to feed the colonists so long as the Government paid him to do so.-  
(continued next issue Vol. V No. 2)

It was a beautiful autumn day when the vessels anchored at their destination. Then, as now, the river banks must have been gorgeous with such hues as the immigrants had never seen before. The maple and the sumac, and the Virginia creeper, the expanses of Golden rod and the purple aster, would seem to them, as indeed they were, remnants of Paradise untouched by sin. On the mountain slopes and hillsides ten thousand bushes burned as with fire, yet they were not consumed; and out of every one God seemed to speak of deliverance. With such thoughts in their hearts, with such beauty round about them, and with the warm sun looking lovingly down from the deep blues above, what happiness might they not expect in their new home!

"With grateful hearts they disembarked, and lay themselves down to sleep under such shelter as they could improvise from the bushes roundabout, or from the tents and blankets from the ships.

"What was their surprise in the morning to find the ground covered with snow, and their little ones suffering from wet and cold. However, after the sun arose and the snow disappeared, and they addressed to work, as men who had their future before them. The neighborhoods where they landed were still known as 'East Camp' and 'West Camp', though the people were soon located in villages, each under its superintendent or captain.

"On the east shore were Queensbury, Annsbury, Haysbury, and Hunterstown, and on the west were Georgetown, Elizabethtown Point, and Newton (West Camp). Perhaps, after the death of Queen Anne, Queensbury became Kingsbury, and Annsbury, Hunterstown.

"What struggles these men had for life. The project for making tar failed. Many of them preferred the tender mercies of the Indian's He made official visits and administered the rites of the Church also at Schoharie to those of the English, and cutting a road for their wives and children through the underbrush from Schenectady, went to Schoharie, in spite of the authorities.

"Dominie Kocherthal remained in New York until the end of May, 1711, and, then, when the last of the refugees were leaving that city, came to the 'upper colonies' as he calls them, on the Hudson. He made his home at Newtown and thus became the founder of the church at West Camp. The first recorded service at West Camp took place on June 3, 1711, Kocherthal was the pastor of the German Lutherans, however, not only at West Camp, but

also at East Camp, where, November 15, 1716, he united in marriage John Frederick Haeger, 'hoch-deutscher prediger in Kinsbert' with Anna Maria Rohrbachin.

"He made official visit and administered the rites of the Church also at Schoharie as well as the Rhynek (Rhinebeck) and Pagepsie (Poughkeepsie). Thus his pastorate was a wide one. He died December 27, 1719 at fifty years of age, as he was about to make another journey to England, perhaps to try to secure the five hundred acres of land which had first been granted him at Newburgh

"Five years after his death the rites of the Church were again administered at Newtown (West Camp) by Daniel Falckner of New Jersey, who writes himself down as 'Pastor at Millstone and in the mountains near Raritan'."

*(A brown stone marks the resting place of Kocherthal. The tablet was given by his three daughters and is currently embedded in the narthex wall of the present church building, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Camp, New York, organized in the year 1710 by a portion of the German Palatines.)*

#### **Ancestors: A New PBS Series**

A 10-part television series, Ancestors, will start production soon and will be available to PBS Stations nationwide in the fall of 1996. The series will give valuable tips to researchers from experts in the field of genealogy.

Episodes will include how to interview and document the stories of living relatives, strategies on using compiled and original records, U.S. repositories, Native American and African American research, genetics in genealogy, computers and the Internet, and publishing.

The executive producer of the series is Sterlin VanWagenen, co-founder of the Sundance Institute and producer of the Academy Award winning film *The Trip to Bountiful*. Mr. VanWagenen says that because of recent finding cutbacks facing PBS, tax deductible financial contributions and support of genealogists across the country are needed to bring this series to fruition. Further information may be obtained from Ancestors, c/o KBYU Television, 2000 Ironton Blvd., Provo, UT 84606. The production may be visited on the World Wide Web: [ancestors@kbyu.byu.edu](mailto:ancestors@kbyu.byu.edu).

*from FGS Forum, Fall 1995, via CGS News, California Genealogical Society, Volume XXVI, No. 6, December 1995.)*

**We encourage you to support PBS programming with a donation and to contact you local station to express your interest in the airing of this program.**

## FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

### Joy Wade Moulton

#### *Name change might explain mystery of Civil War prisoner*

#### Checking the records in Henry County might help determine if Henry Freitag was Henry Friday

□ Dear Mrs. Moulton: Henry Freitag emigrated from Germany with his father, Frederick and settled near Napoleon, Ohio. Family tradition is that Henry served with the 100th O.V.I., Company B, during the Civil War. He was captured and later died in a Rebel prison in Richmond, Va. The National Archives in Washington D.C., does not have documents for him. The closest are for a Henry Friday from Napoleon, whose record fits the description of Freitag. How can I connect Henry Freitag with Henry Friday?

—Edward C. Panning, Napoleon, Ohio

The Ohio 1860 federal census shows Freitags only in Hamilton and Montgomery counties. However, there is a Henry Friday listed in Flat Rock Township (near Napoleon) in Henry County. It appears that Henry may have changed his name from Freitag to Friday (the English equivalent) even before 1860. Check the deed indexes, probate records, church registers, tombstone inscriptions and earlier census schedules of Henry County to establish a preponderance of evidence that Henry Freitag and Henry Friday were the same man.

□ Dear Mrs. Moulton: The naturalization papers for Patrick Risbon state that he emigrated from County Meath, Ireland, by way of Liverpool, England, with his wife and some children. The surname Risbon, however, is not found in any Irish books and doesn't appear anywhere in the country. It seems possible that the surname was changed. Where can I find passenger lists showing full names of all passengers?

—Donald Risbon, Glenford, Ohio

Passenger lists for the ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans are on microfilm for most of the 19th century.

An index to passengers arriving at New York from 1820 to 1840 is available on microfilm. For Philadelphia, the index covers the period from 1800 to 1906

Baltimore lists are indexed from 1820 to 1891, and Boston from 1848 to 1891. The microfilm is available at the Allen County Public Library, 900 Webster St., Fort Wayne, Ind., and through LDS Family History Centers.

□ Dear Mrs. Moulton: My maternal grandfather died in the state of Washington some time in the 1910s or 1920s. My mother was told that he was a construction worker on a large dam and drowned when a ferry boat capsized. How can I find out when he died and where he is buried?

—Christine F. Donaldson, Columbus

Since 1907 the Washington State Department of Health, Vital Records, P.O. Box 9709, ET 11, Olympia, Wash. 98504, has had jurisdiction for all birth and death records in the state. Send a check for \$11 together with your grandfather's name and circumstances of his death for a possible record.

□ Dear Mrs. Moulton: I am stymied because I cannot find the names of my great-great-grandfather's parents. All I know is that they were foreign born. Their son, Samson (Sampson) Carpenter was born in Pennsylvania in 1898 and married Catherine Walters in Hocking County, Ohio, in 1822. Other Carpenters who married in that county were Jacob (1821), Peter (1825) and Michael (1834). Were they brothers of Samson?

—Dorothy Franklin, Lancaster

Check first a published history of Hocking County. Since it was organized in 1818, the Carpenter family might be listed among the early settlers. Their residence in Pennsylvania may even be listed. Church registers and tombstone inscriptions might also give clues. You can probably determine the denomination from their marriage records and the published county history. If all Carpenters listed above were related, you may need to check records of each brother for clues.

Also, since Hocking was organized from Athens, Ross and Fairfield counties just three years before the first marriage, check land deeds and probate records in each of those counties as well.

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## Do You Have the Stomach for This?

From German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's best-selling cook book, "Culinary Travels Through Germany," you too may want the recipe for the chancellor's favorite heart-stopping recipe, Pfälzer Saumagen — that's right, Palatinate Sow's Stomach.

Now, thanks to Petra Krischok in The Post's Berlin bureau, here it is.

### PFÄLZER SAUMAGEN (Palatinate Sow's Stomach)

(12 servings)

#### FOR THE FILLING:

- 3 pounds pork, neck and shoulder meat
- 3 pounds blanched potatoes
- 3 pounds minced pork (or meat from a bratwurst sausage)

#### FOR THE HERB MIXTURE:

- 2 to 3 tablespoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- Ground bay leaves, to taste
- 3 tablespoons diced onion

#### IN ADDITION:

- 1 whole sow's stomach (must be ordered in advance from a butcher)
- Salt 2 tablespoons clarified butter

#### FOR THE FILLING:

Cut the pork meat into cubes. Peel potatoes and cut into small cubes. Mix the pork cubes, potatoes and the minced pork together and season to taste with the herb mixture.

Wash the sow stomach thoroughly under running cold water; pat dry. Tie two of the openings with kitchen string. Through the third opening, fill the stomach with the stuffing. When full, tie this opening as well. (Do not overstuff the stomach or the stomach will burst.)

After 3 hours, you can remove the stomach from the liquid, drain and serve, cutting it into slices at the table. Or, if you like, place the clarified butter in a large skillet, then cook the stomach on all sides. Place in an oven preheated

to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and bake it until crisp. Serve with farmer bread, creamy mashed potato toes, sauerkraut and local Palatine wine. Hannelore Kohl, the chancellor's wife and co-author, adds, "Should there be leftovers, cut into slices the next day and fry the slices golden brown in heated butter."

*from the Washington Post  
4 February 1996*

Sent in by Clara Harsh

Note; Some years ago I mentioned to Clara the idea that we should run German recipes. This is a first. It reminds me of the Haggis I once had and enjoyed in Scotland. A diet of dishes like this undoubtedly contribute to the chancellor's ample girth-especially when the leftovers are fried in butter. I will stay with my weekly treat of Pohnaws.

Perhaps the "Heritage" should stay out of the kitchen. Any comments on this?

*the editor*

### From The Library:

The list of donations of new books for the library is still in preparation and should appear in the next Heritage. In the past books were listed as soon as they were donated but were not yet on the shelf as they were sent to Clara Harsh for review prior to shelving. This caused some distress to members who drove to the library to use these books only to find them not available. In the future new donations will not be listed until they are available for use. We believe this new policy will be appreciated by the membership.

**Volunteers** are always needed in the daily operation of the library. Volunteering for work in the library is useful and rewarding work. If you wish to enjoy this

experience contact the library during its open hours or, Marguerite Crist Calvin Librarian Palatines to America. Their addresses are on the back page of every issue of "The Heritage." Please let us hear from you soon!

### HOW TO FIND THE PALATINE LIBRARY

The Library is located in the Basement of Saylor-Ackermann Hall (room B-15) on the Capital University Campus at Columbus, Ohio.

\* If you are driving west on I-70, exit at James Rd and drive N to Livingston Ave. Turn L and drive 1.1 miles and turn R on College Ave.

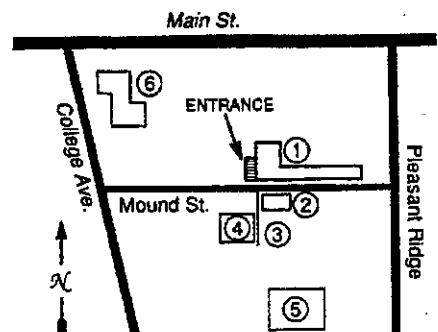
\* If you are driving E on I-70, exit at Bexley-Main St and drive N to E Main St. Turn R on E Main St and R on

College Ave.  
\* Please park in the visitors parking lot behind the security building on Mound Street.

### CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

Each Wednesday 12:30-4:00PM  
1st Saturday 10:00AM -2:00PM  
3rd Friday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1-Saylor-Ackermann Hall | 4-Yochum Hall   |
| 2-Security Building     | 5-Campus Center |
| 3-Visitors Parking      | 6-Renner Hall   |



### Queries

**SMITH, Sarah** Seeking information on Sarah SMITH, b 17 Nov 1817; d 12 Jan 1897, Industry, McDonough Co, IL. She married 17 Aug 1837 to Adam SWINEHART in Berlin, Holmes Co, OH. Adam was born c 1815, Belmont Co, OH and died 24 Mar 1897 Industry, McDonough Co, IL. Adam is buried in Industry Cemetery, McDonough Co, IL. However, a cousin recently claims to have found a second grave in Fulton Co, IL for Adam. Sarah is buried in Doddsville Cemetery, McDonough Co, IL. Family story has been that Sarah was a Cherokee Indian who was raised by whites, assumed a white name and basically gave up her Indian heritage. However, I have recently wondered if Sarah's last name could not have originally been SCHMIDT. Does anyone out there know my Sarah? I would like to hear from anyone with information on Sarah and her family as well as anyone interested in the SWINEHART family line. Alternate spellings for SWINEHART are: SCHWEINHARDT, SWINEHEART, SWINEHARD, RINEHART. This family originated in Wuertt, Germany. SWINEHART, Jacob (Jr.)

I would like some further information regarding Jacob SWINEHART, Jr. born in OH; married 3 Oct. 1814 in Belmont Co, OH to Sarah SIMMERMAN. I have no information on Sarah SIMMERMAN (could be ZIMMERMAN) and little more on Jacob. Jacob's parents were Jacob (Sr.) and Margaret SWINEHART. Who were Sarah and Margaret's families? Where did Jacob, Jr. die and when?

#### **COX, Sarah**

Seeking parents, siblings, and origins of Sarah Cox, b circa 1815 in OH. Married 28 Sep. 1837 in OH. to Peter REED. Five out of six children were born in Choshocton Co(?), OH. The sixth was born in Fulton Co, IL. Between 1850 and 1858, Sarah and her family moved to Fulton Co, IL. Husband, Peter, served in the 8th 111. Vol. Inf. Co. I during the Civil War. Peter was born circa 1812 in PA. Sam and Peter appear on the 1860 IL Census but disappear after that. Where did they go? Where, when, and how did Sarah die? Who was her family? Who was Peter's family?

**CUNNINGHAM, John William** Seeking the origins of John William CUNNINGHAM, born circa 1870 in Glenwillow(?), Cuyahoga Co, OH; died 1928-1929 in Des Moines, Polk Co, IA; buried in Laurel Hills Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk Co, IA. He married Mary Lenore RIGGS who was born circa 1873 in PA. Their first child was born in 1895 in IA so when did they move from OH to IA? Who were their parents and siblings?

**LEITER, John B** Would like to find information on John B. LEITER and his wife, Phoebe HOLLY.

~John B. LEITER was born 5 Jun. 1835 in Montgomery Co, OH to Henry and Anna {GEPHART} LEITER(?); died circa 1872. According to Montgomery Co Marriage Records (Vol. C, page 513), he married 6 May 1857 in Montgomery Co, OH to Phoebe HOLLY. Phoebe HOLLY was the daughter of Daniel and Catherine HOLLY both parents came from Germany]. Phoebe was born 1 Aug. 1834 in Montgomery Co, OH and died circa 1900. John and Phoebe had two known children: Anna Catherine (DOB: 26 Apr. 1858 Montgomery Co, OH) and Barbary (DOB: c 1860 - OH). In the 1850 OH Census, Phoebe and John's fathers list their occupation as a farmer. John's surname could be spelled LIDER or LITER

Submitted by Kay L. Saunders, Member #SH06;  
12404 East 42nd Street; Independence, MO 64055  
4426; PHONE: (816)478-0914

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**LEDERMANN, KARL J.** (also known as Charles or Bud) b. 9 July 1883 Haslach, Baden. Came to U.S. 28 May, 1886 on "Noordland" with mother Emma Falk and sister Frieda Carlenna. Karl d. 15 Dec. 1948, Columbus, Ohio

Contact: Ms. Geraldine Ford, 2112 Delaware St., Mishawaka, IN 46544. (Ms. Ford did not state the nature of her query)

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**HARTWIG, JOHANN BAPTIST HARTWIG,** Johann Baptist, b. ca. 1822-23, Neukirchen, Bavaria, d. 28 June 1885, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH. Married to Martha Becht b. ca. 1835, Bavaria, d. 16 July 1905, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH. A Johann Baptist HARTWIG emigrated in 1847 (Hamburg-New York N.Y.). Seeking ancestry in Bavaria and movements in US 1847-1869. Would like to confirm or reject lead that Johann was born 11 July 1823 in Neukirchen bei St. Christoph, Bavaria of Johann HARTWIG of Dimpfl, Bavaria and Magdalena (nee MANN) HARTWIG of Grobenstadt, Bavaria.

**KUNTZ/KUNZ, BALSORORI (BALSER)** KUNTZ/KUNZ, Balsorori (Balser), b. ca. 1847, Germany. Married to Catherine, b. ca. 1851 in Ohio. At least 3 children: Emma b. ca. 1870 in Ohio; Margaret, b. ca. 1873 in Ohio, Joseph J. b. 11 December 1876, d. 30 April 1962, Monterey, Clermont Co., Ohio. Family listed in 1880 US Census, Butler County, Fairfield Township, Ohio. Seeking data Balsorori (Balser) ancestry. My family names are: HARTWIG (mother) STRAUBERT (mother) KUNTZ/KUNZ (father) SUDENFADEN / SEIDENFADEN (father)  
Lowell Kuntz 3188 Red Brick Court, Maineville, OH 45039-9528

we are  
**Coming of age.**  
We will be 20 years old!

**THE OHIO CHAPTER HISTORY  
THE EARLY YEARS**

Palatines to America was organized at Columbus Ohio in July 1975. The following year the *Ohio Regional Chapter*, *Palatines to America* held its first seminar and business meeting on July 17, 1976. (After The Indiana Chapter was organized in April 1977 the "Regional" part of the title was dropped.)

The society's regional chapter organization began in Columbus when Robert S. Rudy and his wife, Lois, invited Pal-Am local members to a series of informal meetings beginning in January 1976. The idea of organizing a chapter was suggested by Richard Burgert as a group of invited Columbus members sat around a table at The Maennerchor, a German Singing Club. By the Spring of 1976, a "Core Committee" existed. The members of this were; Dr. Arta Johnson, Dr. Helen Wikoff, Annette K. Burgert, Katherine Cotner, Martha and Dewitt Agler, Ginger Rogers, and Lois and Robert Rudy. Plans were laid to set up an all day meeting for July 17th. A \$6.00 registration fee included the cost of the luncheon. Pal-Am charter member Craig Weaver was asked to work up the publicity.

The seminar took place at the meeting room of the library located on the 3rd floor of The Ohio Historical Center on 17th Avenue in Columbus. Publicity indicated that members of the society in Ohio, Indiana, and of the other north central states were invited.

The Ohio Chapter has had the good fortune to have outstanding, dedicated and talented people involved in its affairs. The featured speakers for the July 17th meeting were Dr. Robert E. Ward of Cleveland, editor of *The Journal of German-American Studies* who spoke on "German-American Writers from The Palatinate"; the next speaker was Dr. Geart Droege, Professor of Modern Languages at Capital University. His subject was entitled "European Background in Dialectology, names, and religion of the Pennsylvania Germans". The third was Mrs. Ruth Allen of Warren Ohio, whose presentation was "Locating Pennsylvania Church Records" The program also offered provision for consultation with Mrs. Annette K. Burgert, Dr. Arta Johnson, Dr. Austin Montgomery of Morgantown West Virginia, and Dr. Helen Wikoff.

In the business part of the meeting, the group elected Robert S. Rudy, Chairman Dr. Helen

Wikoff, Vice-Chairman, Annette K. Burgert Secretary and Katherine Cotner, Treasurer.

The second meeting was held November 10, 1976. Attendance was poor. There were no featured speakers as the meeting was designed as a session for swapping genealogical experiences.

The third seminar was scheduled for April 30, 1977. the attendance was so good that late comers had to be turned away because of restrictions imposed by the Historical Society management which limited the number allowed to 50.

Mr. Montford Schaffner was elected President for 1977-1978.

President Montford Schaffner brought out the first issue of the chapter's newsletter for the April 1978 meeting and arranged for a quarterly schedule to publish such a newsletter. He continued to publish it through the first volume and the 1st number of Volume II. Martha Agler, his successor as president, with the assistance of Betty Bernard picked up the task and published it, starting with Volume II Number 2 and continuing through the July 1982 Volume VI Number 2. President Martha ran a contest for naming the chapter newsletter. Many suggestions came in. The name *Palatine Heritage* was adopted.

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The Article above is excerpted from "The Ohio Chapter History 1976-1996". This new publication contains a history of the chapter and its activities listing all conferences and speakers. In addition it has photos of all the chapter presidents and it includes the current chapter by-laws.

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June 6 through the 8, 1996

Peoria, Illinois

Holiday Inn City Centre

Registration information and program details 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

### Genealogy Workshop

Saturday May 18

Grandview Library, 1685 West First Avenue,  
Columbus. 9:am-12.

Two sessions on genealogy research in the libraries. First speaker Mr. Jerry Emerick will talk on using the Ohio State University Library. The second session. Carol Montrose will discuss using the Ohio Wesleyan Library. No charge for the sessions but donations are welcome.

### Dr. Terry Golden to talk at OGS Chapter Meetings.

Thursday, May 16, 7:30pm, Crawford Co. OGS  
Bucyrus, Ohio Public Library

Thursday, May 23, 7:30 pm, Holmes County  
OGS. Presbyterian Church of Millersburg, Clay  
St. Millersburg, Ohio

### Genealogical Institute of Mid-America

The Institute will take place July 8-11, 1996 at the University of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois

### Ohio Chapter Fall Conference

The fall conference is still in the planning stage. Details will be in the August issue of the "Heritage".

### Family Reunion

Dachsteiner-Clark Family Reunion

July 19-21, 1996

Vandalia, Illinois

Contact: Ron Dachsteiner  
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Mulberry Grove, IL 62262  
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### PalAm on the World Wide Web

Thanks to the efforts of Ken McCrea, 2nd vice-president of the Pennsylvania Chapter you can now access Palatines to America information on the World Wide Web.

Address: <http://genealogy.org:80/~palam/>

The home page gives information on the society, its history, membership benefits, publications etc. It now has an on-line Immigrant Ancestor Register to which you can add your own ancestor. It also contains links to some useful web sites for German genealogy.

(Ken attended the Ohio spring conference)

### Other Web sites of interest

Everton's on-line edition:

<http://www.everton.com>

German Books: <http://www.genealogy.com/blairs>

Henning Schroeder:

[http://ourworld.compuserv.com/homepages/german\\_genealogy](http://ourworld.compuserv.com/homepages/german_genealogy)

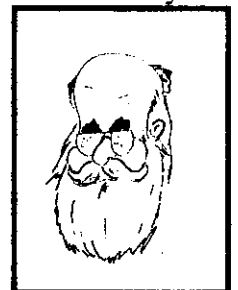
German Genealogy: <http://www.genealogy.com>

### Ramblings.....

After the conference my wife and I returned from Dalton via Kidron driving through miles of countryside sans poles and wires but not without black horsedrawn buggies on the road. It was a pleasant and interesting drive in the rain. We wonder how it is to live without conveniences we regard as essential to the good life.

Attention must now turn to our summer adventure-travelling to two family reunions. My Simons family will convene its annual get-together in Flagstaff Arizona the last week in June. It would be a long buggy ride to get there so we will fly out with our grandson. Twenty five first cousins, their offspring and one aunt and uncle are the core of our family. If all cousins attend they will come from Nepal, South Africa, Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, as well as the US.

One week later we will be at my wife's family reunion in Monterrey California. This will be an entirely Swedish affair with lots of double cousins. There were three marriages between the Olin and the Hallberg family. This reunion is held every four years so there will be much to catch up on.



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