



# NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

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## FALL MEETING

### BLUFFTON COLLEGE, BLUFFTON, OHIO

On Saturday, October 20, 1979, the Ohio Chapter will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Marbeck Center Banquet Rooms on the Bluffton College campus. The Center overlooks Marbeck Green. There will be registration and membership tables with Mrs. Jean Hall in charge of reservations and Mrs. Lois Rudy will enroll new members and accept membership dues payments.

### DR. WILLIAM I. SCHREIBER, MORNING SPEAKER

"Backbone Counties of Ohio" is the topic of Dr. Schreiber's illustrated talk at the morning session. He is referring to the counties of Stark, Summit, Wayne, Holmes, and adjoining counties.

Dr. Schreiber, an Emeritus Professor of German, Wooster College, holds degrees from the Universities of Dubuque (Iowa), Wisconsin, and Illinois, and is the author of "Our Amish Neighbors" and "The Fate of the Prussian Mennonites".

### LIBRARY TOURS OFFERED

After the morning session, Dr. Delbert Gratz, Librarian, will conduct small groups on short tours of the Mennonite Historical Library. These tours will be from approximately 11:15 until noon.

### BUFFET LUNCH SERVED NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

The Bluffton College Food Service will offer a buffet lunch in the Banquet Rooms. We are adjourning at 11:15 for the Library tours to allow time for the tables to be set up for lunch. Cost of the buffet is \$4.25. There will be a choice of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### AFTERNOON SPEAKER IS DR. DELBERT GRATZ

Dr. Gratz, Librarian, Mennonite Historical Library and Professor of History, Bluffton College, will be the speaker at the afternoon session. His subject will be "Mennonite Immigration into Ohio".

Born in Ohio, Dr. Gratz received his B.A. from Bluffton College; an M.A. in History from Ohio State; a Ph.D. in History from the University of Bern (Switzerland), and his Library Science degree from the University of Michigan. He has made many research trips to Switzerland, France, and Germany and was the Pal-Am Rhineland tour director in 1978.

### QUESTIONS FOR RESOURCE PERSONS

You may direct your questions and genealogical problems to resource persons who will be available from 3-4 p.m. following the afternoon speaker. These persons will be: Ernest Thode, locating places of origin; Ruth Allen, eastern Pennsylvania vital records; Dr. Delbert Gratz, south Germany, eastern France, Switzerland, Mennonites, Amish, and Church of the Brethren; Margaret Dieringer, identifying period of old photos.

### ANNUAL BOOK GIFT TO O.H.S. LIBRARY

The book chosen for Ohio Chapter's annual gift to the Ohio Historical Society Library has just been published by the University of Utah Press. It is Volume II of a series which is edited by Roger M. Haigh. Title of the book is: Finding Aids to the Microfilmed Manuscript Collection of the Genealogical Society of Utah-Preliminary Survey of the German Collection by Ronald Smelser with Thomas Dullien and Heribert Hinrichs.

### LODGING ON CAMPUS OR IN THE AREA

Bluffton, Ohio, is located just west of Interstate 75 on State Rt. 103, which can be reached from Columbus by Rt. 33 to Marysville, Rt. 31 to Kenton, Rt. 68 to Rt. 103 (at Arlington, Ohio), then proceeding west to Bluffton. Your editor is certain there are other alternate routes, so consult your maps and take your choice!

For persons wishing to arrive on Friday evening there are a limited number of accommodations on campus. These rooms are located on the third floors of Eyers, Hirschler, and Hauenstein Halls in Riley Court just a short walk from the Center. The cost of the room (either single, double, or triple) is \$5.00 per night per person. This charge includes sheets, blankets, towels, washcloth, and a bar of soap. (Available are 2 single, 6 double, and 6 triple rooms). The evening meal on Friday may be purchased for \$2.30 between 5:00-6:00 p.m. Continental breakfast is available for \$1.15 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Those persons wishing to room together should list names on their registration form and include the \$5.00 cost.

If you do not wish accommodations on campus, there are motels in the area, the L & K at I-75 and Rt. 103 interchange, and also in Findlay and Lima.

### PROGRAM AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

The program and advance registration form are provided on an insert sheet.

Keep the program and bring it with you to the meeting.

Advance reservations for the meeting should be made with Mrs. Russell Hall, 181 Heischman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio, 43085. The cost will be \$5.00 for members; \$6.00 for non-members plus \$4.25 for the buffet lunch, if desired. Closing date for advance reservations is October 10. No buffet reservations will be available after that date. If you are staying on campus Friday night the \$5.00 charge should be included with your reservation.

If you wish the tickets mailed to you prior to the meeting, please include a SASE,

otherwise they will be held for you at the registration desk. Later registrations and those at the door will be \$6.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Lunch by our own arrangement.

### BOOKS FOR ANCESTOR HUNTERS

The following books should be valuable help to those searching for their immigrant ancestors:

LOCATING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR: A Guide to Naturalization Records - James and Lila Neagles.

For many years genealogists have struggled with the problem of where and how to obtain naturalization records. This very helpful book includes information concerning early migrations to the U.S.A., resources related to naturalization, the naturalization records after 1906, and descriptions and locations of the early records of naturalization which includes the results of questionnaires sent to County Clerks. The various types of records have been grouped into categories and catalogued according to state where they were processed. The counties are listed in alphabetical order along with a description of their holdings.

GERMAN FAMILY RESEARCH MADE SIMPLE - J. Konrad

This is a good introductory guide written for the American researcher. It begins with a discussion of the migration of the nationality group to the U.S.A. and then proceeds to give an historical overview of their homeland. Those chapters are followed by sections dealing with researching the family in the U.S. and then in the homeland. It also contains maps and a bibliography of the major publications dealing with the particular cultural group. Much useful information and guidance can be found in this book.

### DO YOU HAVE AN " X " ????

If an X appears beside the address on your newsletter envelope, your dues are past due according to Ohio Chapter records.

REPORT FROM THE OHIO CHAPTER  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At the April 28, 1979 meeting of the Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, officers for the 1979-80 year were elected. These officers with the immediate past president serve as the executive council of the chapter. In addition the newsletter editor and the program chairman serve as ex-officio members.

Two meetings have been held. At the meeting on May 23 the newsletter editor, Montford Schaffner, presented his resignation which was accepted with regret. Sincere appreciation is due to Mr. Schaffner for his efficient and dedicated contribution to launching the newsletter, as well as serving in numerous other capacities to further the growth of both National Pal-Am and Ohio Chapter. It was decided that for the time being only a spring and fall issue of the newsletter will be published. Because of the budget reduction allowed by discontinuing two issues, you will note that it has been possible to slightly reduce the registration fee for the fall meeting.

At the August 29 meeting, Mrs. Betty Bernard was appointed newsletter editor. We appreciate her willingness to accept this responsibility. Plans for the fall meeting at Bluffton College, October 20, were finalized and additional future chapter activities were discussed. Consideration was given to expanding the program of the chapter to better serve the statewide membership. Mr. Victor Thomas was appointed to head a committee to study the regional dispersal of the membership. With this information, we can hopefully determine the advisability of regional meetings during the months between the spring and fall conferences.

Perhaps you have wondered why you are a member of Ohio Chapter when you joined only the national Palatines to America organization. In states where a state chapter exists persons who join Pal-Am are automatically added to the state chapter membership list, and receive the chapter newsletter. Maybe you would rather have a choice as to whether or

not you become an Ohio chapter member. To date there has been no additional cost for membership and the bonus of receiving the quarterly newsletter. The executive council would welcome opinions from the chapter members.

Respectfully submitted

Your Executive Council

Martha Agler, President  
George Manser, Vice-President  
Mary Hughes, Secretary  
Jean Hall, Treasurer  
Betty Bernard, Newsletter Editor  
Ernest Thode, Program Chairman

OHIO CHAPTER MEMBERS! PLEASE  
LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!

1. Do you prefer choice of rather than automatic chapter membership?
2. Do you favor the idea of small area groups getting together for sociability and exchange of genealogical information?
3. Would you help organize such a group if area membership lists were furnished?
4. Would you prefer to have 1 day area meetings where commuting distance is shorter, with, perhaps only an annual spring meeting in Columbus?
5. Are you working on a genealogical record project with which you would welcome some assistance from our membership?
6. Would you be interested in giving some of your time to assist in a genealogical data collecting or cataloging project?

WRITE !!! A POSTCARD IS WELCOME !!!

Comment on our ideas and give us your suggestions. Send to:

Palatines to America, Ohio Chapter  
P. O. Box 12413  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

PALATINES TO AMERICA  
Membership Application

June 1 to May 31

Individual membership one year \$6.00 ( )

Family membership one year \$8.00 ( )  
(two persons at  
one address)

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a one-year new ( ) /  
renewal ( ) of membership in Palatines to America.

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Please type or print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail this form with your check to: Palatines to America,  
Mrs. Dorothy H. Paul, Registrar, 716 Walbridge, Indianapolis,  
Indiana 46241)

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OHIO CHAPTER - PALATINES TO AMERICA

*Spring conf - Workshop*  
*April 26 1980*  
Fall Program - October 20, 1979

Meeting in ~~Marbeck~~ <sup>and</sup> Center of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio

- 9:00 a.m. Registration. Display of genealogical books and forms.
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome by Martha Agler, President, Ohio Chapter. Presentation of book to ~~Mennonite Historical Library of Bluffton College~~. Acceptance and greetings from Dr. Delbert Gratz, Librarian.
- ~~9:50~~ <sup>10</sup> a.m. <sup>Bus meeting</sup> Illustrated talk "The Backbone Counties of Ohio" by Dr. William I. Schreiber, Gingrich Professor of German, Emeritus, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio; author of Our Amish Neighbors and The Fate of the Prussian Mennonites, as well as numerous articles on the Amish and Germans in Ohio.
- 11:15 a.m. Browsing and tours of the Library led by Dr. Gratz.
- 12:00- 1:30 p.m. Lunch. Buffet luncheon by reservation, otherwise on your own.
- 1:30 p.m. "Mennonite Immigration Into Ohio" by Dr. Delbert Gratz, Librarian, Mennonite Historical Library, and Professor of History at Bluffton College. He has made frequent research tours to Switzerland, France, and Germany; lectured at genealogical seminars; authored numerous articles on Mennonite families and churches in the Mennonite Encyclopedia. Dr. Gratz led the Pal-Am Rhineland Tour in August 1978.
- 3:00 p.m. Small group meetings with resource persons.
  - Ruth Allen ----- Southeastern Pennsylvania Vital Records
  - Ernest Thode ----- Locating Places of Origin
  - Dr. Delbert Gratz ---- Germany, Switzerland, Eastern France, Mennonites, Amish, and Brethren
  - Margaret Dieringer --- Identifying Period of Old Photos
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting ends

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM BY OCTOBER 10, 1979

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM - MAIL TO: Mrs. Russell Hall, 181 Heischman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085

Members: Registration - \$5.00; Non-Members: Registration - \$6.00

Buffet Lunch \$4.25 ---- No reservations accepted after October 10, 1979

(Registration at the door October 10, 1979 - Members \$6.00; Non-Members \$7.00)

Make checks payable to Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ registrations

~~Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Buffet Lunch~~

~~Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for room on Friday night, October 19, 1979~~

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Persons to share my room are: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: Ms, Miss, Mrs., Mr., Mr & Mrs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10, 1979

(Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to you)