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## Ohio Chapter Fall Conference, Saturday, November 8, Columbus Maennerchor

### 1997 National Conference

Monday June 9th was a day with a couple of chores yet to be done, mow the lawn and finish loading the car, so that Esther and I could be on good old US 30 heading west. It was a nice afternoon trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana where we would attend the 1997 National Conference of the Palatines to America. The conference was not to start until Wednesday morning, but the National Board was to meet Tuesday at the Allen County Library. More on the Board meeting later. Tuesday while I attended the Board meeting Esther enjoyed herself with the library collection. That evening we gathered at the lake home of James Feit, Indiana VP, for a cookout. Jim and his wife put on quite a feed and Esther and I ended the evening with a ride on Jim's boat.

The theme for 1997 was "Dig For Your Roots in Fort Wayne" and started for early arrivals on Wednesday with either a bus trip to Shipshewana to visit Menno-Hof there and later shop the town or as we did walk our legs off at the very large flea market, said to be over 1000 vendors. Others could attend a "Back to Basics: Techniques for Organizing & Beginning Your Family History" We ended the day after returning to Ft. Wayne by going to the Germanfest which was also going on this same week.

Thursday morning opened under gray skies that would later open up to a good soaking of the grass. But we found that morning an outstanding place to have a conference. The evening before the vendor area was open. The vendor area was one very large room that had been made up of four smaller meeting rooms. There was plenty of room to move around, some of the vendors had three to four sides to display their wares. You could shop until your feet hurt, finding old books to new books, maps to research aids. Being a computer nut I would have liked to have seen more programs demonstrated but I did not let that dampen the total vendor area.

The conference was run as a one track except for one session on Saturday. So when looking at the drawing of the meeting room I wondered how it would hold 200 plus people. No problem, we found an area that was setup with covered tables set in rows with plenty of elbow room. Even the chairs were easy to sit on. This room was so large that there was a raised area in the middle for the speaker with a curtain backdrop. Later we found that behind the curtain was set up for the evening Banquet.

Of the items that the National board then the membership acted on was the 97-98 budget. This budget was adopted with a negative balance. This negative was balanced with funds from the reserve funds so that a dues increase was not made. Because of this action at the Board meeting after the conference a motion was made and passed to raise the dues effective with the 1998-99 fiscal year.

In all respects, the Indiana Chapter is to be congratulated on an outstanding conference.

You may be interested to know that Ohio had I think the largest chapter attendance. I hope that those who did attend, like Esther and I, had a good time and returned home safely. So that you can start planning now, mark your calendars for 11-13 June 1998 in Kingston, New York for the 1998 Conference.

*Robert Strock, President, Ohio Chapter*

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# Willkommen

## NEW MEMBERS

Our Ohio Chapter Roster Includes The Following:

8 Life Members

749 Memberships Expire In 1997

46 Memberships Expire In 1998

148 Family Memberships Expire In 1997

13 Family Memberships Expire In 1998

**964 Total Individual Members**

The Following New Members Have Been Added To The Roster.

*Jean Hall, Membership Registrar*

### Members And Their State Of Residence:

Name	State	City
<b>FLORIDA</b>		
Homer, Robert F		Melbourne
Richardson, Dean W		Ft Myers
Richardson, Esther M		Ft Myers
<b>IDAHO</b>		
Snow, Katherine		Pocatello
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		
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<b>INDIANA</b>		
Rentz, Catherine M		Fort Wayne
Rentz, Roy M		Fort Wayne
<b>LOUISIANA</b>		
Weidlich Jr, H Edward		New Orleans
<b>MAINE</b>		
Wright, Jim		Lowell
<b>MICHIGAN</b>		
Rudy, Billie B		Utica
Tegel, Peggy S		St Clair Shores
Tegel Jr, John J		St Clair Shores
<b>Montana</b>		
Lukenbill, Ron W		Helena
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		
Duffy, Jane Bellis		Tuckerton
<b>NEW YORK</b>		
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<b>OHIO</b>		
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Anderson, Ruth Smith		Maineville
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Beck, Martha		Circleville

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Elwell, William E		Columbus
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Fox, Lee		Waverly
Harman, Dorothy		Baltimore
Harman, Worth		Baltimore
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Hatmaker, Libbie Klotz		Lancaster
Hites, Estella B		Kenton
Martin, James J		Willard
Reigle, Dan H		West Chester
Rigal, R Daniel		Waterville
Rigal, Ted		Waterville
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Schwab, Janet K		Baltimore
Wehrly, Bruce W		Brookville
Wentz, William J		Kenton
Wiant, Allen A		Columbus

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Vanoverstraeten, Alice L Salem

### TEXAS

Norton, Sandy L Irving

### VIRGINIA

Vandenhoff, Pamela Charlottesville

Wuest, Mary E Arlington

### WEST VIRGINIA

Fricke, Eileen K A Huntington

### CANADA

Ritchie, Hugh F Toronto

### Library

The report of the Palatine Library and the list of new books is no longer published by the "Heritage".

This information is now carried in the National Newsletter "The Palatine Patter" and its reproduction here would be redundant. Directions to find the library and its hours are listed on page 13 of this issue.

### Suggestions?

If you have suggestions, queries or articles for the "Heritage" please direct them to the editor, Ira W. Simons, 975 Amberly Place, Columbus OH 43220-4101

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## In Memoriam



### - Geart B. Droege

Geart B. Droege passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 1997, in Bexley (Columbus), Ohio. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 1, 1925, the son of George Karl and Mathilda (Brückner) Droege. He received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Until retirement, he had been a Professor of Modern Languages at Capital University. More recently, he taught adult Sunday School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He was a speaker at the first Ohio Chapter symposium in 1976, and in appreciation for his talk, he was given a Palatines to America membership. An active member ever since, he was a contributor of material for "Palatine Immigrant" journal, and in 1985 served as Ohio Chapter President. He had been Director of the Frisian Information Bureau and editor of its newsletter. Other memberships included a local Welsh singing society and the German Stammtisch Club. Burial will be in Acacia Cemetery, Chicago.

### -Julie M. Overton

Julie M. Overton, 58 of Yellow Springs Ohio died Saturday evening, June 28, 1997 in Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia, after a lengthy bout with cancer. She was born Feb. 19, 1939 In New York city, the daughter of Korstiaan and Janet Griswold Smith Van Ginkel. She is survived by her mother Janet, brother William Van Ginkel, husband Ralph Overton, son Keith (aka Archie) Overton of California, daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Sena Ayenu of MaineviUe Ohio, and daughter Holly Overton of Yellow Springs, and three grandchildren Cloe, Clana, and Cedric Ayenu.

She recently retired from the Greene County District library in Xenia, where she was in charge of the Greene County Room. She was active In the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Yellow Springs,

the Yellow Spings and Greene County Historical Societies and the Ohio Genealogical Society. She has held numerous offices and committee heads In these organizations.

Internment was Monday in Glen Forest Cemetery, yellow Springs. Memorial gifts may be made to Ohio Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield Oh 44906 (OGS Endowment fund).

Thanks to Dorothy Limbach for sending Julie's obituary. Julie was a very active member of the Ohio chapter and served as editor of the Palatine Patter, our societies national newsletter, from August 1998 through May- August 1993. Her expertise will be missed.  
*(editor's note)*

### 1999 National Conference in Ohio

At the June 1997 National Board meeting, I submitted to the board the date and place for the 1999 National Conference which had been assigned to our Ohio Chapter. This reported that 3-5 June 1999 would be the dates and the Ohio State University - Fawcett Center in Columbus, Ohio would be the site.

So this next two years we have our work cut out for us to host the National in a way that we would expect if we were going to another area. The question is how will the Ohio Chapter, with the second largest membership role, pitch in and put on an event that will be well attended and remembered for years.

It is time to give us your name and what talents that you can put to work to make this a success. What committee would you like to head? Or if not head, at least serve on. There are speakers to find and review, programs arranged and published, vendors to contact and sign up, entertainment to find, working with the conference center for meals, etc. and so many more I can add. So how can you help? Let any me or any of those listed on the back page of the newsletter know. Your help is really needed.  
*- Robert Strock*

### Ohio Chapter Fall Conference in Planning Stages!

**Saturday November 8th**

**The Columbus Maennerchor**

Your Ohio Fall Conference planning is continuing, and some of the information is set. The date will be the Saturday November 8th. You should be ready to start the first session about 9AM. The Columbus Maennerchor, located in the Germantown area of Columbus will be site. Being the lover of a good lunch, I remember the meal and entertainment we had the last time there.

**Roger P. Minert, Ph.D.**

Our main speaker will be Roger P. Minert, Ph.D.,

A.G. of Woods Cross, Utah. Roger has sent us a number of topics that he can give. Such as Church and Civil Records in Germany, German Phonetics, Conducting Family History Research in Europe, Cemeteries in Central Europe, and many others. When the Conference notices are mail the topics should be inked in.

Roger will be coming to us just after returning from a month of research in Germany. So he could have some fresh stories for us in that regard.

**Two other speakers will give presentations**  
**Carl Graf** will give a talk on living in the Palatine and Palatine immigration. Carl is well versed on these subjects as he was born in the Palatine and has returned there many times. He has been a very active member of the Columbus Maennerchor and being an immigrant himself.

**J. A. Goggenaster.** Will speak on three migrations from Germany.

The Columbus Maennerchor provides an excellent place for our conference. They have a very fine kitchen and you can be assured of a fine lunch accompanied by live music. The Maennerchor is located at 966 South High street in Columbus.

**Ohio Chapter Fall Conference Saturday  
November 8th**

**The Columbus Maennerchor**

**Cost per member -- \$18.00**

**Non member--\$20.00**

**Late registration - add \$2.00**

**( lunch is included)**

**Members will be sent complete  
announcement & registration in October**

#### **QUERIES**

Wish to correspond with anyone researching Jacob **MOWRY** and wife Catherine Teeter who came to Richmond Co OH. from Franklin Co. PA in the 1820s. The last census of Jacob Mowry, was In 1850 when he states he was born in NY. There is a NY family that matches this Jacob in church records of the Palatine descendants of immigrants who came in 1709/10 and settled along the Hudson River. I am looking for a way to prove that NY was Jacob's birth place as the migration from NY to PA sometime after 1778 will be hard to prove. I have proved that Jacob is the son of John Mourer of Peters Twp, Franklin Co who brought property there in 1790. I Have not been able to complete this John's family other than Jacob and a Henry who was the estate administrator. I will share all research.

Mary M Van Epps  
6172 Calle Vera Cruz  
La Jolla CA 92037

Am seeking information on **PETER LOWER.** Born-Dec. or Jan. 1798 or 99 Pennsylvania. Died July 1, 1855. Buried Prospect Cemetery, Prospect, OH; Marion Co. Wife-Mary Ann. Born 1892 or 1893 New York. Died November 29,1862. Buried Prospect Cemetery, --same as Peter. Children--William, Levi, Charles, Frank, Henry. William born New York. Other children born Ohio. Where were Peter and Mary Ann born? Specific place and dates. Who were Peter and Mary Ann's parents? Dates of children births?

Sharon Woodard

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#### **Ohio Valley Genealogy Expo Sat.Oct.18**

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#### **HARVEY HARSH AWARD TO LOIS C. BYREM**

The Harvey Harsh Award for Superior Service is awarded (along with a lifetime membership) to the person(s) whose dedication to service at the national level and whose loyalty and devotion to our society is judged worthy of the high standards set by the late Harvey Harsh. This award was given at the 22nd Annual Pal-Am Conference to Lois C. Byrem for her exceptional service to Palatines to America from 1983 to the present.

#### **National Citation Awards**

National Citation Awards were presented to Dr. Karl Heinz Danner and Ira W. (Bill) Simons for "volunteer service on a sustained level within the preceding two years in furtherance of the programs of the national society."

Dr. Danner was honored for his efforts in bringing Palatines To America closer to their ancestors in Germany, and for increasing the understanding of present day Germany.

Bill Simons was honored for designing and preparing the citation award certificate, the lifetime membership certificate, and the chapter certificates now in use. He also prepares the Harvey Harsh award certificate The globe and ship National logo and the Eighteenth Century Sailing Ship, used on certificates and special publications were Bill designs.

## W. P. A. CHURCH RECORDS

The Historical Records Survey was begun by the W.P.A. in 1935, and was able to accomplish a great deal before funding expired prior to World War II. The surveys included federal records in the states, inventories of county and municipal government records, lists of imprints, lists of manuscripts in colleges and public libraries, and surveys of church records.

The Historical Records Survey in Ohio was part of the national project until 1939 when sponsorship was assumed by the Ohio Historical Society. This continued until 1941, when sponsorship was transferred to the Ohio State University.

The intent of the church records survey was to inventory records through the entire state on a congregation-by-congregation basis. The survey forms were to be edited by the coordinators into a series of publications, each volume telling of church records of a particular denomination, or group of denominations.

The actual surveying was completed, but only one publication was completed, that being "Parishes of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Cleveland." The volume contains historical sketches, along with a description of the records, for each parish in the diocese.

When the project expired, the survey forms were deposited in various institutions. The Ohio Historical Society has the final survey forms for the ENTIRE STATE, along with the duplicate copies from Region 6. The others are found in the following places:

Region 1: Rutherford B. Hayes Library, Fremont (except Erie, Henry and Sandusky Counties)

Region 2: Cincinnati Historical Society (also Greene & Morgan Cos.)

Region 3: Special Collections Division, Ohio University Library, Athens

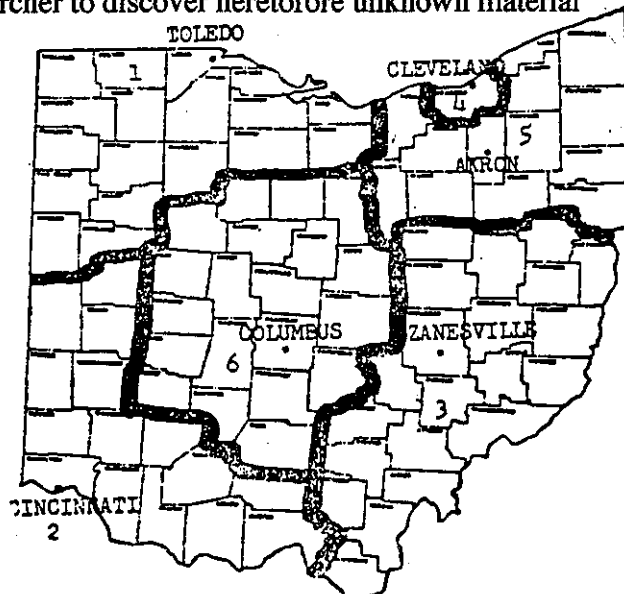
Regions 4 & 5- cannot be located (originals at Ohio Historical Society)

The survey is considered quite complete for Ohio in general, although it may not be very thorough for certain counties. The project completed forms for approximately 100 churches in Athens County, over 300 in Franklin County, and about 80 in Seneca County.

The purpose of the survey was to determine the existence and location of church records. The form attempted to identify minute books, registers of baptism, confirmations, marriages, deaths, records of Sunday schools, financial books, and other records and manuscript material. Of course, the locations of the records found during the survey may have changed in the intervening years, and some records

may now be lost. Church records are often in the hands of an elder rather than the pastor, and some pastors may have taken records with them to a new assignment.

The survey records are organized in storage boxes, and are arranged by county. Usually, all denominations within the county are mixed together. The forms at Ohio Historical Society occupy over 15 linear feet, and may cover 6,000-8,000 churches. The information contained on these forms may help the researcher to discover heretofore unknown material



Map shows the organization of the Historical Records Survey in Ohio. The state was divided into six regions with the state headquarters in District 6. Cities show the location of each district headquarters.

## FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

.....Joy Wade Moulton

### A new publication helps trace lineage using prison records

Dear Mrs. Moulton: Is it possible to use prison records in tracing one's lineage?

J. Rand, Lima, Ohio

An excellent discussion of federal, state and military prisons is included in the new publication, *The Source A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, by Sandra H. Luebking and Loretto D. Scuzs (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997). It includes addresses for institutions, types of records, their availability and problems in using prison records.

Dear Mrs. Moulton: George Frederik Handel (also Handle, Haendel) came from Germany in 1854 and, after his marriage to Barbara Russ, settled in Portsmouth, Ohio. Are there immigration records that will list their residence in Germany?

Linda Haendel Mullins Leesburg, Va.

The Hamburg Passenger Lists contain names of millions of Europeans who emigrated from central and eastern Europe. Those who sailed directly to their destination are on one list, and those whose ships stopped at other ports are on the direct list. These are on microfilm as well as indexes for the direct list (1854-1871) and indirect list (1854-1910), available through the Family History Library and the Family History Centers. *German Immigrants: Lists of Passengers Bound for New York*, compiled by Marion Wolfert (Genealogical Publishing, 1985-1993) lists those who sailed from Bremen between 1847 and 1871. *Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports*, compiled by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources), contains 54 volumes covering 1850-1887 to date.

Dear Mrs. Moulton: Emanuel and Matilda Larcomb had a son, Moses born in 1824 near Marietta, Ohio. By 1847 Moses settled in Wyandot County, Ohio. The 1879 Plat Book for Wyandot County shows a farm belonging to E.R. Larcomb. How can I determine if this is the father of Moses?  
Dave Larcomb, Columbus

No one named Emanuel Larcomb is listed in the Ohio census 1820-1860. Is it possible that Emanuel died and his widow had remarried before 1830? *County by County in Ohio Genealogy* by Petta Khouw, which lists holdings of the State Library of Ohio, includes several publications with gravestone inscriptions and marriage records for Washington County.

Dear Mrs. Moulton: Benson Richard Raines was born probably in Columbus between 1853 and 1856. Family tradition is that Benson lived in a children's home there. How can I determine if it is correct?  
John J. Hunt Scheller, Illinois

The Franklin County Children's Home was not established until after the Civil War. Before that, children of indigent parents were apprenticed by County Trustees of the Poorhouse. Any records would likely be at the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, 369 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43217.

(From the Columbus Dispatch with permission of the author, Joy Wade Moulton, Ohio Chapter Member)

**The Heritage welcomes:**  
**Queries, new articles, Family reunion announcements and items of interest. Write to the editor, Ira. W. Simons**  
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## WHO ARE THE IRISH PALATINES

In 1709 a number of Palatines from Germany settled on the Southwell Estate in the Ballingrane area near Rathkeale.

In 1749 the first Methodist Preachers visited Limerick, and when John Wesley himself visited Ballingrane in 1756 there was a flourishing Methodist society. Barbara Heck (nee Ruttle) and her cousin Phillip Embury became members of that society, and in 1758 Phillip became one of Wesley's Preachers.

As the result of changing circumstances in Ireland many of the Palatinates began to emigrate to America and in 1760 Phillip Embury and Barbara Heck were two of those who left Ballingrane.

In 1766 Philip preached the first Methodist sermon in America- in his own house in New York. -this was the beginning of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

Mass emigration took place from Southwestern Germany in the year 1709, mainly because of hardship and the prospect of a better life in America. These people were called Palatines as the majority came from the "Rheinland Palatinate" area. As a result of circumstances several hundred of these families settled in Ireland. They established roots in Counties Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary & Wexford but mainly in the Rathkeale area of County Limerick. From Ireland many later emigrated all over the English speaking world. Those Palatines who settled in Ireland and those who later emigrated from Ireland were called "Irish Palatines". They made innovative contributions to Irish farming life and played a formative role in the development of world Methodism.

### THE GERMAN PALATINATE; ANCESTRAL HOMETLAND OF THE IRISH PALATINES

This minority group traces its 300 year-old origins to the ancestral homeland of the Rheinland Pfalz (the Palatinate) in Southwestern Germany. Today this region is one of the most prosperous in that Country. It boasts some of Germany's finest vineyards, is the birthplace of tennis champions Steffi Graf and Boris Becker and is also the birth-place of the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, who is immensely proud of his home Province. The famous Formula One racetrack at Hockenheim is also in the Palatinate.

*sent in by Patrick Mooney*

**Now is the time for all good Palatines to  
come to the aide of their society!**

Early in 1999 the Ohio Chapter will host the National Convention at the Fawcett Center for three days.

Unfortunately these conventions do not happen without some real work and organization. There will be speakers to invite, arrange for host. The same is

true of the book dealers and computer displays. In addition, we hope, there will be three hundred guests asking for directions and looking for their many cousins they hope to locate.

None of these job descriptions call for brain surgeons or rocket scientists- they just call for people willing to give some time and effort.

One of the best ways to get involved is to help with some of the Ohio sessions and become acquainted with the details.

We ask that you call one of the officers or board members listed in the HERITAGE or call the Palatine office. (614) 236-8281

*Jack Quinn, V. Pres.*

### Membership Gifts

A wonderful gift for a friend Consider giving a membership in Palatines to America to a relative or friend who is interested in genealogy.

A card with your name and the name of the person to whom the gift is made will be sent to the recipient. See membership dues on back page.

### 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  
Closed Legal Holidays

### Ramblings.....

Sorry to have missed the National Convention which was close by and interesting. As usual it interfered with my Simons Family Annual Reunion which was held in Oklahoma for a three day period. Oklahoma treated us to the "mother of all storms" which "dropped 3" hailstones ten miles from where we were.

I enjoy my Palatine activities and editing the newsletter, however I've assembled it since 1986 and edited it since 1989. Would someone else like to have a go at it?



*Ira W. Simons, Editor*

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