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## Ohio Chapter Fall Conference A Success!

The number of interested genealogists attending the Fall Conference at the Columbus Maennerchor and the quality of the speakers made for a very successful conference. 140 persons registered for the conference and the actual head count showed 132 in attendance.

President Robert Strock opened the meeting exactly on time and held to the schedule for the rest of the day. The featured speaker was Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., who had just returned the week before from a month long research tour of Germany. We were fortunate to have a speaker so well versed in the German language and who is a highly qualified genealogist. His talks gave us new insights into communicating with European agencies, individuals and genealogists. He also imparted much useful information covering church and civil records in Germany.

The second speaker of the morning was J. A. "Gustl" Guggenaster. Gustl's talk covered the background of immigration from the Napoleonic wars to Bismarck. He had asked to give his topic out of personal interest in a neglected period.

Members enjoyed an excellent lunch from the kitchen of the Maennerchor during which they were entertained by the accomplished Esther Crow who has been playing the accordion in the German Village for 32 years.

A display of much interest was brought by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. An extensive collection of CD Roms and a computer gave those attending an opportunity to look up listings of family names.

After lunch Carl Graf, a longtime President of the Columbus Maennerchor, gave a moving account of his boyhood in the Pfalz and then in Columbus. He was brought to Columbus by his parents from the Pfalz in 1928 at age eleven.

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## HELP WANTED!

**NEW EDITOR FOR THE HERITAGE.** The current editor has resigned but will produce two more issues; February and May of 1998. Interested members should contact Ira W. Simons ASAP to become acquainted with the work. Should have computer & word processing skills. This is a most interesting and satisfying position. The continuing growth and success of chapter depends, in part, on the communication provided by the newsletter

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS.** The library is currently open every morning and Wednesday until 4p.m.; and the first Saturday 10 to 2 p.m. We would like to be open one evening and third Saturday.

Volunteers needed for the vertical file, indexing, computer file work. We need to have a surname file for Palatine Membership. Contact Margaret Calvin.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE**  
Early in 1999 the Ohio Chapter will host the National Convention at the Fawcett Center for three days. Planners needed! There will be speakers, book dealers and computer displays to invite, arrange for host. We hope there will be three hundred guests. We need people who are willing to give some time and effort. We ask that you call one of the officers or board members listed in the HERITAGE or call the Palatine office. (614) 236-8281

**CANDIDATES FOR CHAPTER OFFICES.** The continuing success of the chapter relies on volunteers to serve as chapter officers. We need new people to help direct the business and goal of the chapter. If you are interested contact Jack Quinn or Robert Rudy

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# Willkommen

## NEW MEMBERS

Our Ohio Chapter roster includes the following:  
 226 Memberships expired in 1997 (deleted from the data base)  
 810 Memberships that will expire in 1998 or later  
 9 Life Memberships  
 819 Total current individual memberships  
 The following new members have been added to the roster.

*Jean Hall, Membership Registrar*

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## FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

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*by Joy Wade Moulton*

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## German Genealogical Symbols

- \* = Born
- (\*) = Born illegitimately
- +\* = Stillborn
- = Baptised
- O = Engaged
- OO = Married
- O/O = Divorced
- O-O = Illegitimate union
- + = Died
- = Buried
- +X = Died from battle wounds
- X = Died in battle
- ++ = This line extinct

*From Connecticut Society of Genealogists*

## A Glossary of German Words used in Official Documents

This list is based on the file GWORDS.TXT (Library X) submitted by Mary Winters. Some words, while no longer in general use in present day German, were not eliminated because they may be of importance to those genealogists reading older documents. These words have been marked with an asterisk and, where necessary, their modern day equivalent is referenced. Place names and occupations were eliminated from the list I hope you find the list useful.

- Abschrift = copy, extract
- Abstammungsurkunde = birth certificate
- \*Advokat = see Rechtsanwalt
- alphabetisch = alphabetical
- Alter = age
- angezeigt durch = registered by
- Auszug = extract
- Bekenntnis = religion
- Beruf = occupation
- Bescheinigung = certificate
- Bestattung = funeral
- Bräutigam = bridegroom
- Braut = bride
- Bürger = citizen
- \*Bürgereid = citizen's oath
- Dom = cathedral
- Ehefrau = wife
- Ehegatte = spouse, husband
- Ehegattin = spouse, wife
- ehelich = legitimate
- ehelich geboren am = born in lawful wedlock on
- Ehemann = husband
- Ehescheidung = divorce
- Eheschließung = marriage ceremony, wedding

- Eid = oath
- eidesstattliche Erklärung = affidavit
- Eintrag, Eintragung = entry
- Einwohner = resident
- Familienbuch = entries for a family in the Standesamt Register
- Familienname = last name, surname
- Familienstand = marital status
- Flitterwochen = honeymoon
- Friedhof = cemetery
- geborene, geb. = maiden name
- geboren am = born on
- Geburtsdatum = birth date
- Geburtsshelfer = medical attendant at birth
- Geburtsort = place of birth
- Geburtsurkunde = birth certificate
- Gemeindeverwaltung = municipal administration
- geschieden = divorced
- getauft = baptized
- Gewerbe = trade, occupation
- Hebamme = midwife
- Heiratsdatum = date of marriage
- Heiratsliste = list of marriages
- Heiratsurkunde = marriage certificate
- Junge = boy
- Kind = child
- Kinder = children
- Kirchengemeinde = congregation
- kirchlich getraut = married in church
- \*Kirchspiel = parish
- \*Kirchsprengel = parish
- \*Knabe = boy
- Konfession = religion
- ledig = single
- Lfd.-Nr. = consecutive number
- Mädchen = girl
- Mädchenname = maiden name
- Mutter = mother
- Nationalität = nationality
- \*Ordnungs-Nr. = see Lfd.-Nr.
- Ort der Geburt = place of birth
- Pfarramt = clergyman's office
- Pfarrbezirk = parish
- Pfarrbuch = parish register
- Polterabend = eve-of-the wedding party
- Rathaus = town hall
- Rechtsanwalt = lawyer
- Scheidung = divorce
- Söhne = sons
- Sohn von = son of
- Staatsangehörigkeit = citizenship, nationality
- Stammbaum = family tree, pedigree
- Stammbuch = book given to couples at civil wedding ceremony to keep marriage, birth, and death certificates of family
- Standesamt = registrar's office

standesamtlich getraut =	married in a civil ceremony
Standesamtregister =	register of births, deaths and marriages
Standesbeamte(r) =	registrar
Sterbeurkunde =	death certificate
Taufdatum =	christening date
Taufe =	christening, baptism
Töchter =	daughters
Tochter von =	daughter of
Trauregister =	wedding register
Trauung =	wedding, marriage ceremony
unehelich =	illegitimate, out of wedlock
Urkunde =	document
Urkundsbeamte(r) =	see Standesbeamte(r)
Vater =	father
verheiratet =	married
verlobt =	engaged
Verlobung =	engagement
verstorben am =	died on
Verstorbene(r) =	the deceased
verwitwet =	widowed
Viertel =	town quarter
Vorname =	first name, Christian name
Witwe =	widow
Witwer =	widower
wohnhaft in =	residing at
Wohnort =	place of residence

## 20 WAYS TO AVOID GRIEF IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The following suggestions and recommendations will be helpful to beginners and hopefully will prevent misfortune when learning how to do genealogical research. Many of these tips are "old hat" to experienced genealogists, but it is always worthwhile to remind ourselves of the basics of sound research.

1. ALWAYS note the source of any material you photocopy. If the information is from a library book, note the name, author, date, publisher and also the library where you found the book, or photocopy the title page. Occasionally you will find that you need to refer to the book again, or photocopy more information from it.

2. Make photocopies or carbon copies of ALL letters you write. This will save you from wondering which of your correspondents' questions you answered already, and which of your questions they have or haven't answered.

3. Don't procrastinate in responding to letters or messages you receive. If you don't have time to write a detailed reply, send your correspondent a quick reply or postcard to acknowledge receipt and give him/her a rough idea of when a reply will be forthcoming. Then be sure to write back as you've promised to.

4. When searching for relatives in records, don't

pass over the entries that are almost but not quite right. For example, if you are searching for the marriage of John Brown and Mary Jones in 1850, make a note of the marriage of John Brown and Nancy Smith in 1847: this could be a previous marriage in which the wife died shortly after.

5. When writing to libraries or genealogical/historical societies in your areas of interest, ask them for the names and addresses of out-of-print booksellers in the area. Write to the booksellers and ask if they have any old local histories or family histories pertaining to the area.

6. Don't forget to make frequent backups of your computer disks.

7. Store backup copies of your computer disks and photocopies of your irreplaceable documents in your safety deposit box or someone else's home.

8. Remember that "if it's in print, it ain't necessarily fact." Information in recently published local and family histories is often based on that from older published works. If the older books are incorrect, the erroneous information is simply repeated and further disseminated.

9. The earlier the time period in which you are researching, the less consistent our ancestors were about the spelling of their surnames. Also, many of them were illiterate and could not tell a record keeper how their names should be spelled.

10. Family traditions of close connections to famous figures are usually false, but there may be a more obscure relationship involved. Perhaps the famous person spent a night at your ancestor's country estate instead of (as the legend goes) marrying into the family.

11. Try not to let your research get behind. Establish a filing system for your papers (using file folders or 3-ring binders) and file each page of notes, document, photocopy, etc. as you acquire it. There are few things more disheartening than contemplating a foot-high stack of unfiled papers, wondering if the birth certificate you desperately need to refer to is somewhere in it.

12. Double-check all dates to make sure they are possible, for example, a woman born in 1790 could not be a mother in 1800.

13. Be on the lookout for nicknames. A request for a birth record for Sadie White may be rejected if the name on file is Sarah White.

14. Beware of mail-order promotions offering personalized genealogies of your surname with titles such as "The Amazing Story of the BLANK Family" or "The BLANK Family New World Registry." These are usually little more than computer-assembled lists of names from telephone directories. Notify the Better Business Bureau, postal authorities and consumers advocate agencies if you receive one of these.

Steeves, Joan F	Cincinnati
Steeves, William C	Cincinnati
Stetler, Kirby D	Celina
<b>Oregon</b>	
Scheer, Jean	McMinnville
Terry, Marisu E	Gold Beach
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Gamble, Marian E	Williamsport
Matter, Theodore S	Upper Darby
Schappell, Phyllis J	Hamburg
Wahl, Michael I	Wallingford
<b>South Carolina</b>	
Van Overstraeten, Alice L	Salem
<b>Tennessee</b>	
Rohr, Joan M	Loudon
Rohr, Richard F	Loudon
<b>Texas</b>	
Hirsch, Julia H	Garland
Smith, George M	Garland
Smith, Joan	Garland
<b>Virginia</b>	
Otstot, Charles M	Arlington
Otstot, Florence	Arlington
<b>Washington</b>	
Alpaugh, Leon A	Bellingham
<b>Wisconsin</b>	
Blondheim, Herbert	De Pere
Williams, Mary M	West Allis
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Saturday, April 18 1998 at St. John's Lutheran Church. **Springfield, Ohio.** Conference will be co-sponsored with the Clark County Genealogical Society. Two featured speakers. Dr. Delbert Gratz retired Archivist of the Library at Bluffton College. Dr. Gratz is an authority on Mennonite migration. Dr. Louis Voigt Archivist at Wittenberg University. Dr. Voigt is an expert on early Lutheran History. Lunch will be prepared by and served in the church. Complete agenda and registration form will be in the February issue of the Heritage. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend another first class conference

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**Robert Rudy Celebrates 90th**  
A gala affair celebrated the 90th birthday of Robert S. Rudy. On August 23 a meeting hall at the First Community Church in Grandview was filled with 196 relatives, friends and PalAm members who gathered there from around the country to observe his 90th birthday. Name tags identified each of the three groups although some fit all three categories. There was good food and much conviviality. A fitting celebration for Robert and his continuing efforts on behalf of Palatines to America. Congratulations Bob!

**RAMBLINGS.....**  
I have truly enjoyed my years of getting out the newsletter and the friends I have met in the Ohio Chapter. My interest and participation in the Palatines will continue undiminished although I have decided to relinquish the interesting position of editor. As mentioned on the first page I will edit two more issues. The decision was forced by the pressure of other work I am engaged in which includes editing "The Simons Family Newsletter". It is my hope that someone will take seriously the "Help Wanted!" column on the first page of this issue.

I hope the forthcoming Holiday season will be a happy one for all you.



*Ira W. Simons*  
Editor of the Heritage

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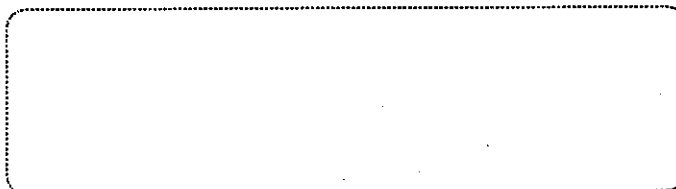
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