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Chester C. Winter M.D. President, Ohio

## New President Elected

At the Spring Conference and Annual Chapter Meeting, at Der Dutchman in Plain City Chester Winters M.D., was elected President, of the Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America.

Doctor Winter, received his education at the University of Iowa and received his M.D. at the same university. He was a captain in the Medical Corp and was in general practice in Redlands California. He spent his residency in surgery/Urology at the University of California.

Dr. Winter, and wife Mary, have three children. He was Professor of Urology at UCLA. Head of Urology, Ohio State University. Emeritus Professor Surgery/Urology, OSU to the present. He belongs to various Societies and has received many honors too numerous to list. He is written in Who's Who in America, the World, American Men of Science and Science and Engineering in England.

In 1985 Dr. Winter established and funded an Urology Research Award Endowment and a Urology Fund Endowment at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. Since his retirement in 1988, his activities have included teaching American History and moderator of the Civil War Round Table in the Senior Center, Worthington Ohio.

The Ohio Chapter welcomes Dr. Winter, as our president for the coming year.

## Spring Conference Report

The conference was very educational with our speakers Ernie Thode and Sharon Kennedy. The luncheon was delicious..

The Ohio Chapter Board held its annual meeting and the election of officers. Election results are as follows:

*President, Chester Winter M.D.  
Vice President, Gerald Miller  
Secretary, Becky Thornton  
Treasurer, John Mangus  
Registrar, Sophia Jean Hall*

Vice President, Gerald Miller, announced the tentative dates for the Fall and Spring Conferences, the Fall Conference, October 28, 2000 at the Dutch Harvest House in Berlin, Ohio. The Spring Conference will be held at Der Dutchman in Plain City on April 24, 2001. Many fine speakers are being contacted for your enjoyment and genealogical education. Plan to attend these conferences.

The announcement of a new board member was made. Ed Nabers, of Columbus and former 1999 National Conference Chairman, will replace Elizabeth Work, of Galena.

Barbara Howison, outgoing President for the past two years was given a standing ovation for her dedicated service to the Ohio Chapter. Thanks was given to the Nominating Committee for their presentation of a fine slate of officers. Chairman John Mangus, Pate Mooney and Ruth Ann Manesh.

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# Willkommen neue Mitglieder



## In The Mailbox

Dear Editor,

As always, I enjoyed your latest newsletter, particularly the reminder that the signers of the Declaration of Independence did not all live happily ever after! Before filing it away, I would like to comment on a couple of things. It was my husband who wondered about "Willkommen neu Mitglied" in your recent issue. Actually, it should be "Willkommen neue Mitglieder" [plural] or "Willkommen neues Mitglied" [singular]. As you probably realize, German tends to be more formal than English, i.e. to use more words to express the same meaning. When I welcome new members to the Meisenheim Historical Society, I write "Als neues Mitglied begrüßen wir [singular] or in the plural "Als neue Mitglieder begrüßen wir" As you add a list, "Folgende neuen Mitglieder begrüßen wir": would be more acceptable.

"Reading German Script" Just an addition. Many of the documents I read have both German and Latin script in them. There have been heated discussions in the German media recently on the introduction of English words in German language. Most of these, but by no means all, are part of computer jargon. Purists feel that perfectly good German words should be used instead, and if there are no appropriate words, new ones should be "invented". Personally, I don't see any real reason to Germanize words that are used worldwide in a particular context. I do have a problem with English or American words used in nationally circulated newspapers that are not used correctly. And there is definitely an increase in truly poor translations of all kinds of texts.

But to get back to German script. For a very long time, Germans have categorized words adopted from other languages as "*Fremdwörter*" i.e. foreign words. There is even a special Duden (the German spelling dictionary) for them. Many of the words are Latin, many are French, many are English. Well into the 19th century, these words were written in Latin script. Many of the documents on my shelves are written in German script, but all the "*Fremdwörter*" are written in round Latin letters.

Apparently, that was not the only use for Latin letters. I recently received a copy of a contract for an apprenticeship signed in 1865. It was obviously not just a form to fill out for there are clauses pertinent only to this particular apprenticeship. However, the wording of the contract itself is in German script; the names of the master-printer, the apprentice, his father and the place where it was signed are all in Latin script, as is the title "*Lehr-Vertrag*".

Speaking of script, I learned to read Sütterlin script - the last German script designed by Ludwig Sütterlin (1865-1917) - by writing it. I soon forgot how to do that, but have little trouble reading it. Maybe some of your readers would find "Writing to read." more efficient than comparing the document with individual letters. Experts aside, only the older generation in Germany can read Sütterlin today.

Karen Gross - Breitenheim, Germany

*Editor, So much for computer language software. Thanks for your update*

### Florida

Barry, Virginia.....Coconut Creek  
Marshall, Carolyn C.....Naples  
Marshall, John F.....Naples

### Indiana

Cross, Carol.....Princeton

### Maryland

Mitchell, Mary Anne.....Severna Park

### Minnesota

Wisner, Michael W.....Lino Lakes

### Mississippi

Schwab, Mary.....Forest

### New Jersey

Hendershot, Betty.....Toms River

Hendershot, Frank.....Toms River

### Nevada

Hensley, Carol A.....Battle Mtn

### Ohio

Bergdall, Ruby.....Middletown

Boder, Sharon.....Reynoldsburg

Boder, Sue.....Reynoldsburg

Black, Robert C.....Columbus

Fullwiler, Ellis.....Hilliard

Gongos, Jo Ann.....Huron

Gugel, Raymond.....Reynoldsburg

Gugel, Virgini.....Reynoldsburg

Karl, John.....Toledo

Kelleher, Jeannie.....London

Kline, Jr. John F.....Akron

Lybarger, Connie D.....Delaware

McClung, Helen.....Blacklick

Miller, Michael B.....Athens

Rorick, Carol Z.....Circleville

Rorick, Myron.....Circleville

Saddoris, Cyrhia A.....Montpelier

Saddoris, James E.....Montpelier

Stevens, Marjorie G.....Hilliard

Todtearl, A.....Columbus

Todt, Patricia G.....Columbus

Wilck, Deborah J.....St Marys

### South Carolina

Lares, Michael D.....Charlestown

### Texas

Bonny, Jane S.....Spring

Miller, Joan C.....Pharr

Miller, Stanley L.....Pharr

### Ohio Chapter Roster

Includes the following;

10 Life Members

808 Individual Memberships

818 Total Memberships

Jean Hall, Membership Registrar

## Web Talk

Looking for people outside the United States, this site has links to Yellow Pages, White Pages, business directories, e-mail listings and fax directories from more than 150 countries.

[teldir.com](http://teldir.com)

Choose your school and year of graduation to search for former high school classmates.

[alumni.net](http://alumni.net)

A site with links to hundreds of search and database sites to find e-mail and postal addresses for everybody from classmates to celebrities, and information on missing persons and ancestors.

[www.nedsite.nl/search/people.htm](http://www.nedsite.nl/search/people.htm)

Search by any combination of first or last name, city and state to find an address, phone number and e-mail address.

[switchboard.com](http://switchboard.com)

Search by school to find e-mail addresses for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff at many colleges and universities.

[www.qucis.queensu.ca/FAQs/collegeemail/college.html](http://www.qucis.queensu.ca/FAQs/collegeemail/college.html)

This site searches many mega-databases for e-mail addresses at the same time.

[mesa.rzrn.uni-hannover.de](http://mesa.rzrn.uni-hannover.de)

Reunion Registry to find any lost birth relatives.

[adoption.com/reunite](http://adoption.com/reunite)

There is a new website for Civil War servicemen. It is run by the National Park Service. I found out that it did not include veterans from Ohio. It contained about five states including confederate servicemen.

[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)

## 2000 Census

This is the year that we all should make sure that we become part of the 2000 census. Remember that the 2000 census information will not be released to the public until the year 2075. Make sure that you photocopy your complete form. File the form in your folder. This is to make sure that your decendants who may be interested may want the information earlier. Remember how much trouble you had in obtaining those lost years of a census.

## QUERIES

I am searching for information about **John GERLACH** b. 12-1-1819, in Odenhausen, Germany and **Catherine WALLENFELTZ GERLACH** b. 6-15-1828, in Odenhausen, Germany. Their children were: Henry b. 9-1849 married Mahala Sites, Phoebe b. 6 - 1851 married Jacob Molter, Caroline b. 5-24-1855 married Jacob Baker, Catherine b. abt. 1857, Lewis b. 12-15-1859 married Emily F. Murdick, Elizabeth b. 4-11-1862 married Paul Gruber, John P. b. 1-3-1864 married Kathleen Mootz, Margaret b. 12-9 - 1865 married William Wallenfeltz. Believe their children were bom in Nobel and Washington Counties. They also lived in Lawrence Co. Ohio,

Also, searching for information about **Milton H. BROWN** b. abt. 1819 and **Rosa Ann KINGERBY** or **Kingery BROWN** b. 3-12-1824. Their children were. Peter b. 8-30-1840 married Catherine Walters and Levia ?, Nathaniel b. abt. 1843 married Maratha Murray, Elizabeth C. b. abt. 1845, Andrew J. b. abt. 1846 married Martha Neal, Lewis b. 11-28-1848 married Mary J Brown, Emma Stanley and unknown. Sarah Ann b. abt. 1851 married Lewis Lemasters, Matthias b. abt. 1853 married Hulda Massie, John A. b. abt. 1857, Flora Ann b. abt 1860, and George N. b. 3-16-1864 married Georgia Cameron. Believe all the children were bom in Lawrence Co. Ohio.

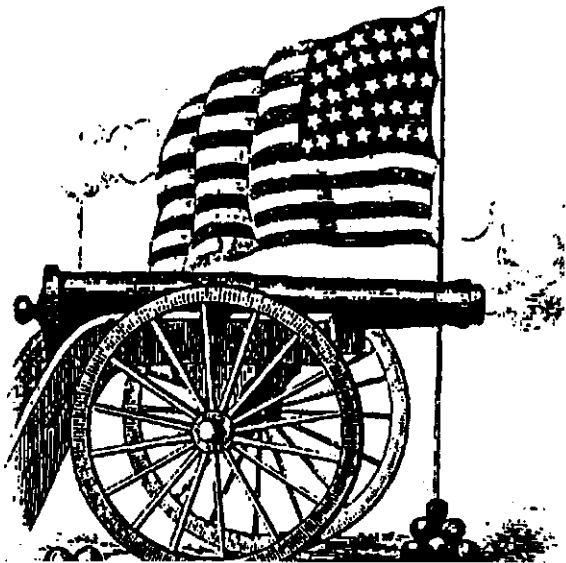
Tanya Gerlach Searle 3109 Moran Rd. Tampa, FL 33618 E-mail [searletc@aol.com](mailto:searletc@aol.com)

Seek info for parents and birthplace of ggrandfather, **Johann KOCH (COOK)**, born Bavaria [M6rlach? ] 1 821-1897. d. Detroit, MI. His father was ? **KOCH** 1790-1821, a fresco painter in German churches and mother was unknown. Johann is fisted in MI Census 1860 as plasterer from Bavaria. Ms wife, **Maria LORENZ** born in Mecklenburg 1835-1905 d. in Detroit. M. They had 7 children born 1857-1870. 3 children married 3 **SCHULTZ**es from Dundee, MI. **Edward** and **William KOCH** became lithographers in Detroit and Cleveland, OH. Five offsprings were commercial artists or architects.

Contact Jeanne Cook Swanson, 149 Lakeview Way, Oldsmar, FL. 34677-2256 Tel: 727 787-3527 E-mail: [jesone@hotmail.com](mailto:jesone@hotmail.com)

Looking for family **SCHARTE** from Berlin Germany, any information to [MHess138@aol.com](mailto:MHess138@aol.com)

*Visit the areas and stories of Ohio's battles. The locations below is to tell you where to pay respect to the Ohioans of generations past who fought and died for our state and our country*



### *Battlefields*

**St. Clair's Defeat /Ft. Recovery** - Built in 1793 on the very site where two years earlier Arthur St. Clair had lost more than half his army in a surprise attack by the Miami Indians, the reconstructed Ft. Recovery has two block houses with a connecting stockade, a monument and a museum. Fort Site St., Ft. Recovery near the intersection of State Route. 119 and St. Route 49.

**Fallen Timbers** - This brief battle resulted in the Indians' signing over most of Ohio to white settlers at the Treaty of Green Ville. Most of the battle took place not where the small monument park stands but across U.S. Route 24 in an empty field and wooded ravine. About three miles S.W. of Maumee. Take the first road off U.S. Route 24 S.W. of I-475 and turn east Then follow the road parallel to U.S. 24 north to the site.

**Ft. Meigs** - Built to protect northwest Ohio from British invasion during the war of 1812, it withstood two sieges by British and Indian forces. Exhibits and military re-enactments explain Ohio's role in the War of 1812. 291 West River Rd., Perrysburg, (St. Route. 65, 1 mile S.W. of St. Route. 25).

**The Battle of Lake Erie** - Ohio's only naval battle took place a few miles off South Bass Island. See Perry's Monument for visiting information.

**Buffington Island** - Named for the island in the Ohio River that John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate raiders hoped to reach before crossing to safety in West Virginia, the actual battle site is in the fields surrounding the town of Portland. A four-acre park showcases the historical plaques and a monument to the only Civil War battle on Ohio soil About 20 mi. E. of Pomeroy on St. Route. 124, just outside Portland.

### *French & Indian War*

**Ft. Pickawillany** - The English trading post where the first shots of the French and Indian War were fired is

now only an empty field visible across the restored canal from the Piqua Historical Area. 9845 N. Hardin Rd., Piqua, just off St. Route 66, 3 mi. N. W. of Piqua.

### *Revolutionary War*

**Ft. Laurens** - Only the outlines of Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort remain, but a museum commemorates the frontier soldiers. Co. Rd. 102, Bolivar (about 1/2 mi. S. of St. Route 212, off exit 93 on I-77).

**Schoenbrunn Village State Memorial** A Moravian mission to the Delaware Indians, Schoenbrunn was abandoned during the Revolution, school and original cemetery. St. Route.259, New Philadelphia 4 mi.E. of exit 81 on I-77.

**Gnadenhutten Monument** - A monument and small museum mark the site of Gnadenhutten, where 90 Christian Indians were massacred. Village Cemetery, Gnadenhutten,. Cemetery open all year.

### *Indian Wars*

**Treaty of Greene Ville** - A marker at the corner of Main and Vine streets marks the site of the fort where Native Americans gave up control of most of Ohio. At the Museum, replicas of the treaty, peace pipes and wampum belts are on display. Garst Museum, 205 N. Broadway, Greenville.

**Ft. Defiance** - Little remains but earthworks and cannons of this fort named because Gen. Anthony Wayne defied the British and Indians ."and all the devils of hell" to capture it. Intersection of Fort and Washington streets, Defiance.

**Ft. Jefferson** - A 20-foot monument stands where this fort was built to protect army supplies during the campaigns of St. Clair and Wayne. Co. Route. 24 and St. Route. 121, 4 mi. S. of Greenville.

**Ft. Hamilton** - The timbers of this supply fort were used to build cabins for early settlers of the city of Hamilton. The Soldiers, Sailors and Pioneers Monument standing on the site has a collection of Civil War weapons and swords and a 17-foot statue of a Union soldier known as Billy Yank atop the three-story structure. Intersection of High and Monument streets, Hamilton.

**Ft. St. Clair** - The small supply and defensive fort is now marked by stones and a split-rail fence in a city park. 135 Camden Rd. St. Route 122, Eaton.

**Big Bottom** - Site of an Indian massacre of settlers, the skirmish marked the start of four years of frontier warfare in Ohio. The outdoor site has picnic tables, interpretive signs and a 12-foot marble obelisk. St. Route. 266, 1 mile S of Stockport in Morgan County,

### *War of 1812*

**Perrys Monument** - The 352-foot tower is the third tallest memorial in the country. Commemorating Commodore Perry's triumph, "In the Battle of Lake Erie", a platform 317 feet high provides a view of the battle site 10 miles away. 93 Delaware Ave. Perrysburg

**Perry's Cave** - Perry stored supplies and held prisoners in this cave 52 feet below South Bass Island that also features an underground lake. A narrated tour is available during the summer months. Catawba Avenue, South Bass Island (across from the Heineman Winery).

**Ft. Amanda** - One of several forts built to protect against British invasion from the north. A 50-foot obelisk memorializes the men who served here and the 75 who died in its hospital. St. Rte. 198, 9 mi. N. W. of Wapakoneta.

**Fort Stephenson** - A small American garrison repulsed a British attacking force with the help of a six-pound cannon, "Old Betsy." The fort the Birchard Public Library. Battle memorabilia is inside the library. 423 Croghan St. at High St, in Fremont.

### *Civil War*

**Morgan's Surrender Site** - A battered John Hunt Morgan and his remaining raiders surrendered in Columbiana County just south of Lisbon a week after the battle at Buffington Island. A plaque marks the site. St. Route. 518 (near intersection of St. Route. 164), West Point.

**Johnson's Island** - See the graves of more than 200 Confederate prisoners of war, and historical markers describing the prison that was once here. Take the causeway from Bay Shore Drive, an extension of St. Route. 163 south of Marblehead.

**Camp Dennison Ohio Civil War Museum** - Camp Dennison was one of the Union Army's largest depots for training and recruiting. A former guardhouse on the camp's grounds now houses this museum of Civil War artifacts. 7567 Glendale-Milford Rd., Camp Dennison (St. Route. 126 near juncture of 1-275 and St. Route. 28).

**Camp Chase** - The graves of 2,134 Confederate prisoners are all that's left of a large prisoner of war camp in Columbus. 2900 Sullivant Ave., Columbus.

**Western Reserve Historical Society** One of the finest collections of Civil War materials - diaries, letters, paintings and newspapers - in the country. Through December, a temporary exhibit, "Civil War! For God, Union & Glory" focuses on Ohio's role in the conflict that tore the nation apart. 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland.

**John Brown House** - Famed abolitionist John Brown occupied this house in Akron for two years. 550 Copley Rd., Akron.

**Harriet Beecher Stowe Town House** The Uncle Tom's Cabin author's home is now a cultural and educational center promoting black history. 2950 Gilbert Ave. Cincinnati.

**Sherman House** - The birthplace of the general who waged the March to the Sea contains period furnishings and war mementos from the general's collection. 137 E. Main St., Lancaster.



**McCook House** - "The Fighting McCooks" gave 17 family members to the Union cause; five became generals. Their restored home has period rooms and exhibits on the family and the Civil War. Public Square, Carrollton.

**Grant's Birthplace** - The three-room cottage where Gen. U.S. Grant was born has gotten around - it once toured the U.S. on a railroad flatcar. Now back at its original location in Point Pleasant, it's furnished with period items. U.S. Route. 52 and St. Route. 232, Point Pleasant.

**U.S. Grant Homestead & Schoolhouse** - Grant spent his formative years in Georgetown, where his former home and school still stand. 219 E Grant Ave., Georgetown.

**Sheridan Statue** - The statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan, astride a rearing horse, is the dramatic, focal point of the town square in Somerset. The native son is remembered as the general who cut the Confederates' line of retreat from Appomattox, bringing the war to an end. Town Square, Somerset intersection of St. Route. 13 and U.S. Route. 22.

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*Some of the sites above have libraries and genealogical information. Additional information and stories about these sites can be found in Ohio Magazine, March 2000 issue*

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## Ancestry.Com to Launch 1890 Census Substitute

Ancestry.com is undertaking a historically-significant project to reconstruct the immense amount of information lost when a 1921 fire in the basement of the Commerce Building, in Washington, D.C. destroyed nearly all of the 1890 census.

Using numerous sources to create an on-line substitute census with information to which hundreds of millions of Americans can trace their roots. More than 20 million records have been identified for inclusion in the census substitute and additions will be made regularly as records become available for posting. Few records shed as much light on individuals, families and communities as census records.

The 1921 fire destroyed insight into an entire generations occupations, family origins, birth information and much more. The project goes far beyond trying to reconstruct a historically significant set of documents.

Ancestry.com is working with the National Archives and the highly regarded Allen County Public Library to acquire portions of the vast amounts of information necessary to offer the first substitute for the 1890 census. The substitute census will consist of information from fragments of the original 1890 census that remained after the fire, special veterans schedules, several Native American tribe censuses for years surrounding 1890, state censuses (1885 or 1895), city and county directories, alumni directories, and voter registration documents.

When fire destroyed the original census it was a huge loss not only for family historians, but for sociologists, historians, economists and many others. By merging 1890 information from several sources, Ancestry.com intends to make the census substitute an unparalleled resource for understanding a culturally and politically diverse period in United States history.

## Obituary

**Millard F. Reynolds**, of St. Marys, Ohio died Jan. 31, 2000 at his residence. He was born July 8, 1923, in St. Marys to the late Lyden Eugene and Mildred Edith Pritchard Reynolds. He was a graduate of St. Marys High School and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where he served two years overseas in England, France and Germany. He was a member of St. Marys United Methodist Church and was retired from the former Colin Anderson Center. He was a long time member of the Reynolds Family Association, attending many national meetings, and a long time member of the Palatines to America, where he was active in both West Virginia and Ohio Chapters. He was a member of the Matamoras Historical Society, was an avid West Virginia Mountainer sports fan attending the bowl games. He is survived by his twin sister, Charlene Gilpin and her husband, Hobert of St. Marys; two brothers, Lynden Reynolds and his wife, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., and Joseph Reynolds, and his wife, Margaret, of Willow Springs, NC. Five nephews, five nieces, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Burial was in St. Marys IOOF Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 79 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 222

## National Conference In Pennsylvania

The National Conference will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Monday through Wednesday, June 19 - 21, 2000. The conference will be held at the Harrisburg East Holiday Inn. The theme of the conference is "Pennsylvania a Palatine Crossroads 1683-2000".

For further information or registration forms, write to the Pennsylvania Chapter at:

Post Office Box 280 Strasburg, PA 17579-0280 or  
phone (717) 687-9234 (between 9 AM & 9 PM Eastern  
Time)

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by Dr. A. F. Johnson .....	\$5.50
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<b>1993 Ohio National Conference Syllabus.</b> . . . . .	\$5.50
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<b>1999 National Conference Logo Sale Items</b>	
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Three Memorial funds have been established by the Ohio Chapter Pal-Am to honor the distinguished members who are no longer with us. These funds are not of an endowment nature as the principal and earnings will be available to be used as follows:

**(1) The Jack Quinn Speakers Fund:** Principal & proceeds to bring outstanding speakers to Ohio Chapter Conference & special meetings.

**(2) Florence Beck Memorial Fund:** Principal & proceeds used to purchase books & equipment for the Ohio Chapter Library.

**(3) Dr. Robert C. Harsh Library Fund:** Principal & proceeds used for the general operations expense & upkeep of the Ohio Chapter Library.

Contribution checks to any or all of these Memorial Funds should be made out to the Ohio Chapter Pal-Am and mailed to the following address: **Ohio Chapter Pal-Am**

c/o John M. Mangus, Treasurer  
2106 Coach Road North - Columbus, OH 43220-2941

*In Memory of  
Robert C. Harsh, M.D.*

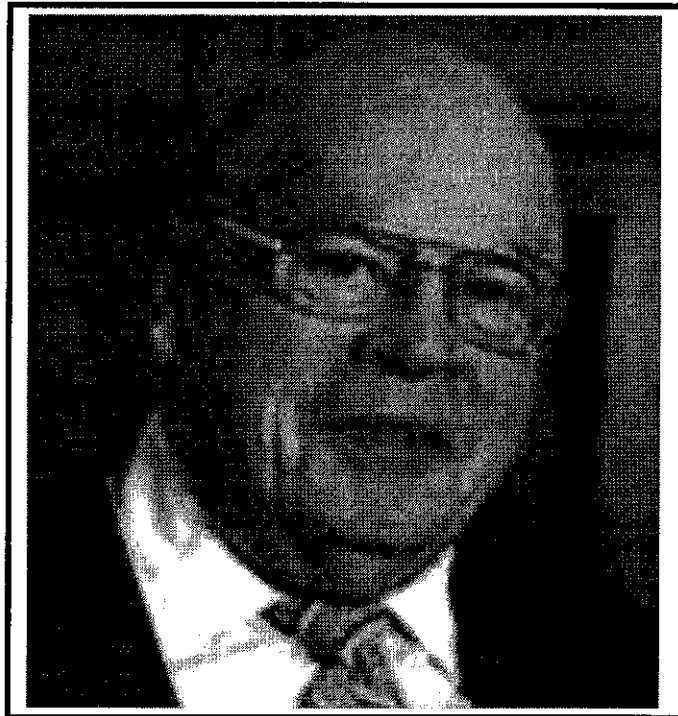


Photo courtesy of daughter Becky Thornton

By Robert Rudy

Dr. Harsh was a member of Palatines To America, for many years and a strong supporter of the Ohio Chapter. His interest stemmed from the society's stated purposes: research on Germanic immigration, publication of significance and general interest, opportunity to exchange information, and fellowship with like-minded people.

Although he never held elected office in the Ohio Chapter he assisted with seminars and conferences such as the monthly free meetings in Franklin County, meetings which revitalized the central Ohio area membership and brought a broad base for workers for the 1993 National Conference at the Fawcett Center of the Ohio State University.

During his tenure as Membership-Registrar, for the National Palatines to America, 1989, through 1991 he brought order to the computer database, attending classes on programming R-base, so he could ask intelligent questions of a professional programmer.

He was a member of a crew that put together the computer desks at the Palatine Library and the National office. He hauled bookshelves to the library and assembled them. He scouted around for more shelves, brought in the maintenance personnel and installed them. He also assisted in the move from the third floor of Renner Hall at Capital University, to the nearby Saylor-Ackerman Hall's basement. He helped bring order out of chaos in arranging the books there. He supervised the work of getting shelves on blocks to keep the bottom shelf above flood level. He insisted on having a dehumidifier.

Just last November Bob Harsh, even though battling cancer, he and his devoted wife Clara volunteered to fill a session at the Chapter's semi-annual fall meeting at Cambridge Ohio. In 1994 he received the coveted Harvey Harsh Award as well as previous citations by the national office in 1991.

Surviving him is his wife Clara, son David C. Harsh, daughters' Lynn Patterson, Rebecca Thornton, Carol Beckwelder, Deborah Vaughn, Claudia Harsh, M.D., and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Robert C. Harsh, Jr. His parents were the late Carl C. Harsh and Claudia M. Bishop Harsh.

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