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Quinn Workshop at Lancaster Library May 11, 2002 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Researching German Speaking Ancestry

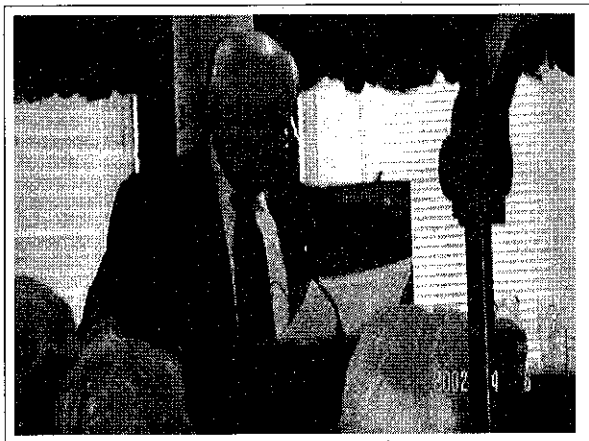
The Palatines to America, will present their Spring Quinn Series an "Ernest Thode Workshop". To be held at the Fairfield County Library, 219 N. Broad St. Lancaster, Ohio.

No pre-reservations required admission is free.

Mr. Ernest Thode, has published numerous books and is a noted speaker on German Research and Ancestry. His research library will be on display for your hands on searching. Mr. Thode will be available to answer questions and guide you in the right direction

The Jack Quinn Series of Workshops, were begun in 1999, after his death. His dedication to German Speaking Research and with the Palatines to America was instrumental in the beginning of this research and in educating individuals in genealogy. Many of his first workshops was held at the Grandville and Worthington Libraries.

For directions see page 10



Herman Hartman, at the lectern speaking on his topic "Ramblings in the Palatinate"

Other speakers were; Kenneth Pauling, Ann Miller Scott, Chester Winter, MD, and Paul Immel

Spring Conference

The Spring Conference was a great success. There was an overflowing group and they heard many fine speakers talk on German genealogy and research concepts. The following members were elected the new officers for the coming year. : President Jerry Miller, Columbus, vice-president, Nancy Karchner, Middletown, Secretary Carol Swinehart, Lancaster, Treasurer, Jeannine Miller, Columbus and Registrar, Sophia Jean Hall. Board Member Elected was Ira Wm. Simons, Robert Gates and Edward Naber, all of Columbus, Ohio. Also elected as the Nominating Committee for next year was Marian Dietrich, of Cincinnati and Lorine Magee. of Columbus. A Treasurers report was given and is on page (15). President Jerry Miller, presented our Past President Chester Winter, MD, with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, for his service to Pal-Am Ohio

Willkommen

The following new members have been added to the Ohio Chapter Membership roster:

Florida

Hornaday, Pat Tarpon Springs

Illinois

Poths, Sheryl D. Chicago

Nevada

Fagan, Frances N. Las Vegas

Ohio

Baumgardner, Eugene New Carlisle

Erickson, Vern Bellbrook

Fuchs, Conrad E. Grove City

Fuchs, Doris M. Grove City

Miller, Charles Columbus

Ress, Charles W. Columbus

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Tumeo, Mark A. Cleveland Heights

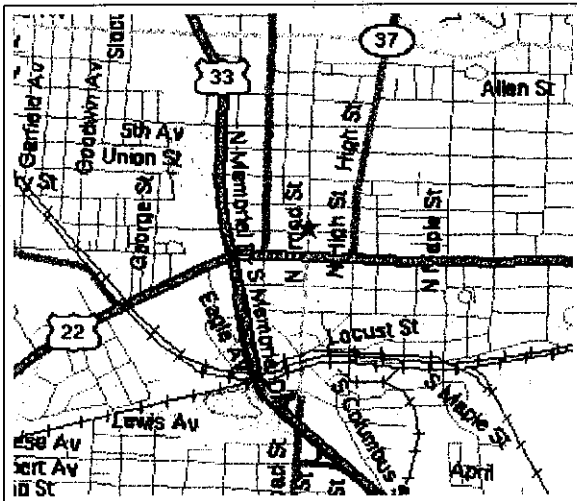
Pennsylvania

McQuown, Carolyn R. Punxsutawney

Virginia

Fisher, Linda A. Annandale

Ohio Chapter Membership roster.
13 Life Members
782 Individual Members
755 Total Individual Memberships



Directions to Fairfield County District Library
 219 N. Broad St. Lancaster

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Many Thanks

Below is a list of Library Volunteers for the year 2001-2002

Barbara Bauer
Ellen Berry
Arlene Castor
Virginia Gugel
Herman Hartmann
Jean Mitchell
Robert Tieman
Wilma Webber
Allen Wiant
Rachel Zook

The Palatines would like to have you join the volunteers this coming year. Not only do you meet interesting people, but you can also learn many new and interesting methods in which to do your own researching.

A Clear Case

Description of an individual found in a library book. Herr Zenek, 45 of Bauberque, Wessenbury, laborer. Separated from his wife who lives in a far village. He had abandoned his terrain to go to Natchez but he then returned. He is a sluggard and a bad subject with whom his wife could not live with because he eats everything and does nothing.

Palatines to America 27th Annual National Conference

"East to West - Your Ancestors"
Thursday, June 27 - Saturday, June 29, 2002
Hilyon Hotel, Springfield, Illinois

Have you made your reservations at this time? If Not? There is limited space and it is important that you get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Speaker & Topics

Dr. George Schweitzer, "Was Your Ancestor a Wine Drinking, A Beer Drinking, or A Schnapps Drinking German?" - "Rivers to Trails to Roads to Canals to Trains" - "Illinois Research"

Dr. John Colletta, "Discovering Real Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors" - "Only a Few Bones: Case Study in Pulling Sources Together"

Dr. David Koss, "You Don't Have to be English to Have Royal Blood"

Robert Frizzell, "Migration Chains to Illinois"

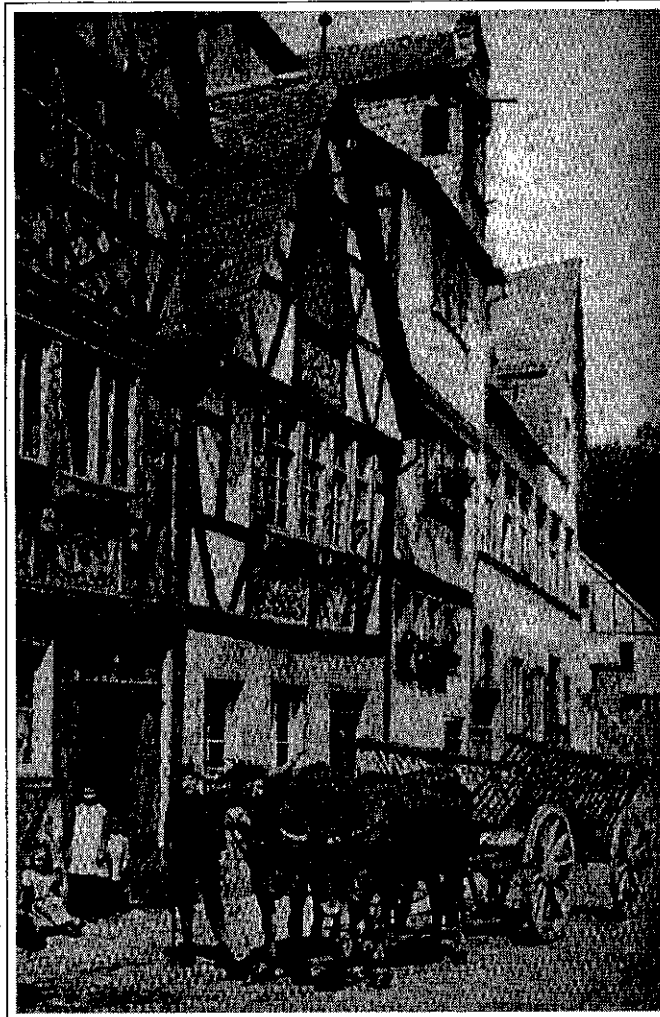
The Early Beginnings of Germany

In the year 101-102 BC. A strange army of savage men from Chapter. Central Europe, the Cimbri and Teutons, planned an invasion of northern Italy. The men of this army were fair-haired, blue-eyed muscular Teutons who were seeking new lands. So fierce and brave were these skin-clad warriors-these "barbarians" as the Romans called them that for a time they withstood the trained legions of Rome. After much fighting, however, the Romans vanquished and utterly routed them and drove them back into Central Europe. There they settled in places where the richest pastures were to be found.

The deep, rich forests east of the Rhine had been the haunt of the red deer and of the wolves that preyed upon them. When Julius Caesar was conquering and he heard of many tribes living across the great river. The Gauls called them Germans but they seem to have called themselves Teutons; if you have read "*Caesar's Gallic War*" you will remember the names of many of them. Some of those prominent in later times was the Suebi, the Langobardi (Lombards), the Angles, Saxons, Goths and Burgundians. Possibly they originated all the northern grasslands of Central Asia. These dissonant Germanic tribes, the ancestors of many of the white people of Europe and North America, were, when the Romans first knew them, almost as primitively as the Iroquois Indians at the time of Columbus. Each tribe lived its separate way, making itself shelters of logs and subsisting largely on the game and wild fruit of the woodlands and the cattle they had brought with them.

Toward the end of the fourth century A.D. the Goths, tribes living along the Danube, were set upon by the fierce nomad Mongolians from Central Asia, the Hun's ugly bowlegged yellow men on horseback. The Goths were forced to flee across the great boundary river into Roman territory. There followed the *Battle of Adrianople* 378 A.D. which first showed the Germans that they could overcome the Romans. In time this discovery led to the break up of the Roman Empire in Western Europe.

The Huns, meanwhile, were not affected by the hardships of warfare, for they even slept; and ate on horseback. They swept over the country like a scourge, burning and destroying everything with which they came in contact, scattering tribes and altering the very face of Europe. Upon the death of their leader, Attila, in 453, the menace of the Huns came to an end, and soon the German tribes Alemanni, Saxons, Franks,



Beautiful Timbered Houses in a Village along the Rhine

Vandals, Goths, Frisians and others were settled peacefully once more.

It was under Charles the Great, better known as Charlemagne, who reigned from 768 to 814, that the German peoples became powerful. Though he styled himself emperor and ruler of the Roman Empire, Charlemagne was really only the leader of many independent princes.

The change to feudalism was important. At the time of the Crusades the German nobles raised walled towns, built churches and founded universities. The Hanseatic League was formed when more than eighty cities, led by Lilbeck, Hamburg and Bremen, banded together for the control of trade in the Baltic and elsewhere. The League had to fend off the lawlessness of the robber knights.

All through the Middle Ages no one spoke of Germany, The so-called Holy Roman Empire which followed, after a time, the empire of Charlemagne, was a collection of two to three hundred separate states, some small, some

larger, over which the emperor had little real power. If he were strong man, who had also inherited great possessions, he might be able to keep his unruly dukes and counts in order. The emperor, however, did not pass the title to his son. Seven great princes chose the emperor, and they usually chose a man who was too weak to make them much trouble. Generally they chose a member of the House of Hapsburg.

The Empire did not, however, include all of modern Germany. Prussia was never a member, but on the other hand, Austria was included. These states of the Empire were ruled by kings, archdukes, dukes, counts and knights. Many "free cities" were members of the Empire. A "free city" was one which had no other overlord except the emperor. In fact, Hamburg, Lilbeck and Bremen were members of the later German Empire. The story of the old Empire, which came to an end during the Napoleonic Wars and of the new German Empire which arose in 1870, would be a great deal to tell.

Reprinted from; *Lands & People - The Grolier Society*

Check List for Strarters

- ♦ Do you remember your grandparents; your great-grandparents?
- ♦ Do you remember where they lived?
- ♦ Do you remember where they were born? Their nationality? (French German Italian)
- ♦ Do you know your mother's maiden name; or your grandmother's? Do you have brothers or sisters? Are they married with children? If they don't have children or not interested in the family history, perhaps your nieces, nephews, grand-nieces/nephews are.
- ♦ Where did your family worship/attend church? What school?
- ♦ Are there family heirlooms; antiques passed down from generation to generation; quilts, military memorabilia, etc.?
Perhaps there is a family recipe that needs sharing with the younger generation that should be recorded.,
- ♦ Do you have family portraits, photos? Are they labeled? Are there any famous ancestors, war heroes, etc.? Does your family have any traditions which are shared at family reunions, get-togethers?
- ♦ Have your family tree been traced? Has it been updated In recent years? Have you shared copies with family members, local genealogical societies in the area you family lived?
- ♦ Consider photographing or having someone take pictures of family Heirlooms If there are not enough to be shared.
- ♦ Tape record and/or video tape yourself with the- heirlooms, family picture/portrait or perhaps sharing some family stories on tape. If you have a favorite recipe, perhaps you could explain It to someone of "how to" while a tape or camcorder Is "preserving" It for posterity! If you have a favorite hobby, record It In some way. This Includes the men as well; perhaps you enjoy woodworking, carving, or some other hobby.
- ♦ What other memories would you like to leave with your family as a reminder that your ancestors were "special" people. Remember, If they had not existed, you wouldn't be here now?
- ♦ Did anyone In your family do something noteworthy? For example- my mother's father worked on the Georgia State Capital, as a stonemason. He was not a highly educated man, but very artistic.

**People like nails lose their effectiveness when they
lose direction and begin to bend**

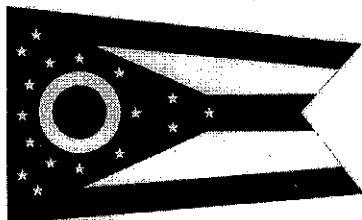
Ohio Chapter Fall Conference

**Lancaster Inn Best Western
1858 N Memorial Dr. (Route 33)
Lancaster, Ohio**

October 19, 2002

Put this date on your calendar Additional information at a later date.

2003 National Pal-Am Conference



Plans are underway for the 2003 National Conference. In Columbus, Ohio. Coordinators for the various committees have been assigned and ready to begin work. After several meetings the planning committee has decided on a theme and speakers have been contacted. We think everyone will be pleased with our choices and proud of the program the Ohio Chapter will present. There is still a need for a Publicity Chairperson.

As program chairperson I would like to take time to thank the Planning Committee for their excellent work and planning. They are: Jerry Miller, Ann Scott, Ed Naber, Clara Harsh, Bill Simons, Chris Anderson, Robert Rudy and Bob Tieman. Their experience and expertise was of great help.

A New Service

It is possible that you had not noticed that the Ohio Chapter, of Palatines to America, now has the ability to charge you credit card for services especially for Mail Order Publications or our Spring and Fall Conferences.

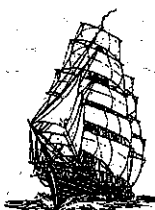
GERMAN GENEALOGICAL HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1440 ----- Gutenberg invents moveable type
- 1517----- Beginning of Protestant reformation
- 1521----- Martin Luther translates the Bible into "Luthern-German"
- 1524----- - Start of Lutheran and Reformed records in Germany, written in German
- 1555----- Peace of Augsburg: Henceforth princes would determine religion in their respective territories
- 1583----- Start of church records in Catholic areas (usually written in Latin)
- 1618-1648 -----Thirty Years War - massive destruction of records, razing of vflages, and population decimation, heaviest in the Pfalz
- 1648 -----Peace of Westfalia, allowing only three religions - Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed
- 1683----- First permanent settlement of Germans in America in Germantown, PA
- 1709-1710 ----- Mass migration from the Rhenish Palatinate at Queen Anne's invitation to America
- 1763 ----- Catherine the Great begins inviting Germans to settle in Russia
- 1775-1783 ----- American Revolution: Led by Hessen. German states, provide troops for British
- 1792-1815 -- -- Civil Registration introduced in western German lands
- 1806----- End of Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation by Napoleon
- 1817----- Lutheran and Reformed churches merge into the Evangelical Church ("Church of the Prussian Union")
- 1830----- Beginnings of industrialization in German lands
- 1840----- Police records (Melderegister) begins mostly in Hamburg, Sachesen, and Thuringen
- 1853-1934 ----- Passengers from Hamburg listed on records still available
- 1871----- Unification of Germany; begriming of the second Reich
- 1874----- Prussia introduces civil registration; required in rest of Germany in 1876
- 1892----- Ellis Island opens (closes in 1954)

National Pal-Am Library

Library Hours

Wednesdays 12:30 pm. - 4:00 pm
 1st Saturdays 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
 3rd Fridays 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
 Closed - Sundays & Holidays
 Open by appointment most weekends.



Always call before you visit the Library!

The Librarian and volunteers make up the support staff. The Librarian and staff are available to assist you during your visit.

While driving in Columbus take I-71 to Weber Road, get off at exit (# 113) Turn WEST at Weber Road just past the Speedway Gas Station turn left into our parking lot at 611 East Weber Road the library is a two story, brick building, with a green awning over the doorway, Enter through the EAST doorway

Attention Central Ohio Members:

The Palatine Library and Headquarters Office in Columbus is still in need of volunteers. We need volunteers to help process books (stamp and attach labels, etc.), stuff envelopes, etc. We also need Library hosts and co-hosts --- could you work a four-hour shift the occasional (negotiable dates) Wednesday, Saturday or Friday during the new membership year? We also need someone to come in two to four times a month to dust, vacuum, water plants, empty trash, etc. Complete training provided for all tasks. Contact Ann or Martha at 614-267-4700 for more information.



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Mail Order Publications & Other Sale Items Price List

Effective October 1, 2001

- Georgia Lands by M. Merle Baker..... \$2.50
- Ancestral Migration Routes Contest Booklet 1993. \$2.50
- Beginning Genealogy: Start It Right!
by Dr. A. F. Johnson \$5.50
- The Very Basics of German Genealogy by K. Smith..... \$5.50
- Germans Into & Out of Ohio Before 1850
by Ernest Thode .. \$4.50
- Beginning Genealogy: Start It Right;
by Dr. Arta F. Johnson.....\$5.50
- Beginning Genealogy Paths & Pitfalls
by Kathleen Goodner Marine.....\$6.50
- 1999 Ohio National Conference Syllabus . \$6.50
- 1999 National Conference Logo Sale Items
- Sweat Shirts - S,M,L,XL in gray only w/logo on front
include size with order.....\$10.50
- Tee Shirts - S,M,L,XL in white only w/logo on front
include size with order.....\$10.50

Tote Bag with PAL-AM Ship Logo:

- Clipper Ship: * New Items
- Large Boat Tote: 17"x16"x4", w/pocket & panel zipper,
natural top & pocket w/black base, hand sewn 25" black
handles.....\$15.50
- *Shoulder Tote: 16"x14.½"x3", natural w/25" handles,
Clipper Ship plus Palatines to America in script..... \$10.50
- 1999 Conference Logo: Clipper Ship/German-American Flags
Flat Tote 14" x 14", natural w/13"handle.....\$10.50

*All prices are postpaid
Ohio Residents only Sales Tax of 5.75%*

Dr. Arta F. Johnson Publications For German-American Research

- Aids for Research in Europe: Germany: Bibliography, Source Materials, Emigration, Immigration, Research Aids & Maps, Published in 1988 with some items out of date\$3.50
- Migrations West & Backtracking East: With Merlin C & Eva M. Finnell, Two articles, maps, book lists.....\$5.50
- People of the Palatinate (revised edition) A background book: what it was like in the German villages 1616-1815.....\$5.50
- Begin With The Beeswiggers Slosiwines & Worse
two volumes, sold as a set only. A hilarious spoof on genealogy in general & German ancestry in particular.....\$10.50
- The Origins, Development & Meanings of German Names
Given names, nicknames, surnames.....\$8.50
- How To Read German Church Records Without Knowing
Much German: Patterns of records, vocabularies, examples of
script.....\$5.50
- A Guide to The Spelling & Pronunciation of German
Names: How to arrive at the German spelling of misspelled and
garbled personal names, surnames, place names\$8.50

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

## Treasurers Report

The undersigned, treasurer of the Ohio Chapter Palatines To America, hereby submits the following report as of March 31, 2002. The cash balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1, 2001) was \$378.57. The cash received from all sources (per checkbook) during the year to date was \$13,485.02; during the same period, expenses (per checkbook) amounted to \$-11,382.72, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$2,480.87.

The net worth at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$26,354.32. The total cash and non-cash items (compounded interest, depreciation and savings transfers) decreased the income by \$1,434.05 to \$12,050.97 and decreased expenses by \$150.00 to \$-11,532.72, leaving a net worth of \$26,872.57. Additional non-cash items (reserve and inventory changes) in the net amount of \$3,926.00, resulted in a net worth of \$30,798.57.

The attached statement of receipts and expenses will show in detail the sources of receipts and the objects to which the expenditures were applied.

The Ohio Chapter of Pal-Am has a total cash and savings position in the amount of \$18,575.57, which is \$1,682.50 more than the previous year. The organization's net worth of \$30,798.57, is \$4,444.25 greater than the previous years' balance at this date.

### Income and Expenses

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Total Income ..... | \$12,050.97 |
| Total Expense..... | \$11,532.72 |
| Net Income.....    | \$518.25    |

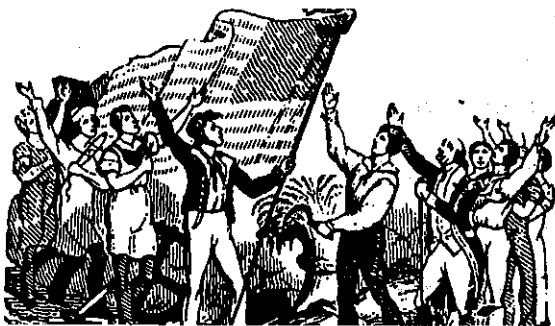
### Balance Sheet

**Total Current Assets..... \$30,798.57**

### Liabilities & Equity

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance.....     | 21,083.72          |
| Retained Earnings.....   | 9,196.60           |
| Net Income.....          | 518.25             |
| <b>Total Equity.....</b> | <b>\$30,798.57</b> |

Jeannine Miller, Treasurer  
Ohio Chapter Pal-Am



*A Concise History of the United States and the State of Ohio.* A New book by Historian, Chester C. Winter, MD. A very concise and engaging book that traces the powerful forces of democracy through revolutions, scandals, heroic deeds and winds of changes even to present times.

The book explains the trials and thoughts of the last six presidents. It also tells of the first sixty years of Ohio Statehood, going into the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. I found the book very enlightening and a pleasure to read and learn a few stories that had been forgotten or never read before. The lay out of the book is very easy for an old-timer to read since the type is large and bold. Dr. Winter has an excellent book and is well worthwhile.

The book can be purchased for \$24.95, plus \$1.44 Ohio Sales Tax from: Caldwell Publishers  
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**Upcoming Events**

- May 4 - **New York Chapter**, Beardslee Castle, St. Johnsville, Herkimer County NY
- May 11 - **Quinn Series Workshop**, Lancaster OH Ernest Thode, Hands on Workshop
- May 15-18 - **National Genealogical Society Conference**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 NGS 2002, 4527 17th St. North Arlington, VA 22207-2399.
- May 19-26 - **Fourth Annual Genealogical Experience to Salt Lake City**, Ken McCrea  
*Ken@GermanNames.com*
- May 27 - **Memorial Day**
- June 26 - 29, - **National Conference Palatine to America**  
 Hilton Hotel Springfield IL.
- July 4 - **Independence Day**
- July 14 - 18 - **International Roots Conference**, Dearborn Michigan  
*rootsconference.com*
- Oct 19 - **Ohio Chapter Fall Conference** Lancaster Inn Best Western - Lancaster, Ohio

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