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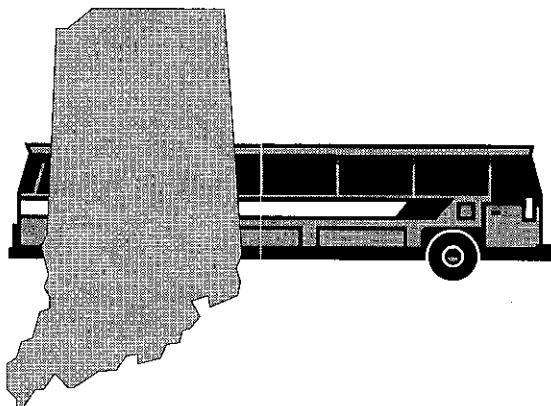
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Recap of October 19, Fall Conference

This past Fall Conference that was held in Lancaster, Ohio was well attended. The speakers were great and very educational as well as entertaining.

Kenny Burck, talked about researching your German ancestors and what to do while traveling in Germany. Robert Rau, told about a German family that emigrated to Russia, in the early 1800's. It was interesting to hear of the trials and tribulations of the people in that family. He had many documents that he showed in contrast to the story. Carol Swinehart, talked about the first German families that settled in Lancaster, and how they were left out in many of the history accounts of the now flourishing city. The luncheon was very good the menu included sourkraut with roast pork, hot German potato salad with either apple or peach cobbler. After the luncheon Scott Francis, explained the history of beer making and even brought samples for beer tasting. The conference sound level got a little loud towards the end of the tasting session. Vendors were kept busy during the breaks. For a recap of the Conference it was a real Oktoberfest conference, one of the best in some time. The committee is to be congratulated.



Planning a Trip!

Since there will be no Spring Conference in the year 2003. The Ohio Chapter Board would like to plan a bus tour and overnight stay in Ft. Wayne, to visit the Allen County Public Library. The library is famous for being the largest public library on genealogy in the United States. If you are interested in taking this tour please contact the editor, of the *Palatine Heritage*, by mail, E-mail or phone.

Fall Chapter Conference

Plans are underway to hold the October 2003, Fall Conference in VanWert, Ohio. The town is known for its German heritage. The planned topics will cover ship travel and Ohio waterways both from records search and website use.

Our annual Ohio Chapter board meeting will be held as the last event on the agenda at the June National Conference. At this time new and old business will be conducted as well as the election of officers.

Willkommen

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

Colorado	
Smith, Pamela K.....	Denver
Florida	
Bowman, Dr, Jo Ann M.....	Gainesville
Iowa	
Vogel, Eugenia M.....	Newell
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Illinois	
Creech, Alice G.....	Braceville
Prusz, Margaret.....	Crete
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Cripe, Carolyn.....	Angola
Cripe, Florian.....	Angola
Greene, Martha.....	Loogootee
Louisiana	
Eberle, Anne R.....	Monroe
Michigan	
Burkhart, Fred.....	Bellevue
Burkhart, Judy.....	Bellevue
New York	
Moffa, A. W.....	Jamesville
Nevada	
Goetz, John A.....	Reno
Smoot, Wayne E.....	Strafford
Ohio	
Barrett, Richard E.....	Columbus
Blosser, Keith.....	Dublin
Kanne, William.....	Columbus
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Schemmel, Mark D.....	Mount Gilead
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Zimmer, Jr. Howard A.....	Columbus
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Texas	
Curry, Richard L.....	White Settlement
Terrell, Pattie E.....	Dekalb
West Virginia	
Arnold, Stephen.....	Morgantown
Arnold, Susan.....	Morgantown
McKenzie, Peggy.....	APO

Ohio Chapter Membership roster.
15 Life Members
182 Individual Members expire in 2002
639 Individual Memberships expire in 2003 +
Total Membership 836
Jean Hall, Registrar

Wanted

The *Palatine Heritage* invites your queries. Send them to the editor. Type them if you can for clarity and ease of scanning by the computer. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. You can also E-mail your queries to the editor. We have not received many in the past few months.

Chapter Web Page

The Ohio Chapter web page is now up and running using our domain name at: www.oh-palam.org it will also be listed in the Ohio Chapter Officers section.

Something New

Please note that something new has been added to items in our catalog. Ball caps tan, one size fits all with a ship logo in black \$15.50. German-American flag T shirts M to XXL in white with a flag design on front \$10.50. German-American enameled flag pins with a military back \$4.50. Check the list of items available on page 37 of this issue.

Great for Christmas giving

Looking for Help

Jean Hall is looking for volunteers to help at the registration desk at the June National Conference. If you haven't volunteered yet give her call or send and e-mail to sjbhall@aol.com She is hoping to get enough volunteers so no one has to give up a lot of their time at the conference.

Ancestry.com

The Reynoldsburg Ohio LDS Office has access to Ancestry.com for a fee of \$1.00 per hour. This will give you access to a Ancestry.com files. Call 614 866 7686 for hours. Othe LDS Offices may offer this service but you would have to check.

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Using a Newspaper for Research

Genealogists use newspapers to get information on births and deaths, but the newspaper holds many more interesting items to check out.

Did you know most newspapers have recorded their news on microfilm? You can order this microfilm of the newspaper through the Interlibrary Loan System of your local public library. When you know the date (s) call and give them the date (s) you are interested in, the name of the newspaper, city or county. They will let you know when you can view the film at your nearby public library.

Don't just go to the date you're interested in, but take a look at the beginning of the film for other facts? Look at other births, social events and anniversary announcements on the film.

If you are writing, your family history there is a wealth of information available. What your ancestors was living through at the time. Their living conditions, even the weather. This makes for interesting reading in a family history. What was the headlines of at the time.

Don't forget to check out the court recordings, tax lists, city council meetings that is taking place. Who knows what other names you might come across
HINT: Be sure to take plenty of change for the copies you are going to make.

Did You Send In Your Dues?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Apr - Sep '02

Income	
Donations	10.00
Fall Conference Registrations	600.00
Interest Income	180.67
Member Dues	3,184.00
Nat'l Conf. Misc Income	96.00
Ohio Sales Tax Rec.	14.56
Postage Reimbursement	16.75
Sales non-taxable	572.50
Sales Taxable	245.00
Spring Conference Registrations	433.00
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Total Income	\$5,352.48
Expenses	
Bank Charges/Fees	48.00
Credit Card Fees & Expenses	170.96
Heritage Newsletter	703.71
Honors & Awards	35.00
Membership Registrar	58.02
Nat'l Conf Expense	464.78
Ohio Sales Tax	13.88
Postage - Heritage	91.57
Quinn Lecture Series	526.92
Rent	750.00
Sales Photo Card	8.34
Spring Conference	1471.25
Total Expense	\$4,342.43
Net Income	\$1,010.05

The Ohio Chapter pf Pal-Am has a total cash and savings position in the amount of \$19,585.62 which is \$1,682.05 greater than the previous year. The organizations net worth of \$31,808.62 is \$3,509.05 greater than the previous year's balance at this date. *Jeannine Miller, Treasurer*

Computer Incidentals

Family historians that use computers to collabotate around the world via the internet, can share their family history, research questions and latest discoveries. But don't forget the non essentials that will help turn your research into a history project everyone can enjoy

Items like the Digital Camera. They take pictures without paying to develop film. You can even view the picture immediately. You can take a photo of an old family phot and repair the picture yourself.

Digital cam corders. Can be directly downloaded into your computer. Digital Audio Recorders; prepare you family voice's. Put your interviews of family members and their favorite stories on tape. This would be a great way for members of the family to be remembered. Scanners; with these gems you are able to save amny type of documents. They can then be reproduced to any form or publication you may wish CD Drives; The new computers today come with drives that can burn your new CD's. You can now save and send you family history on CD.

There is something on the market that is called PDAs (personal digital assistants) They are hand held computers that easily fit into you pocket. They are great for research trips. You can also use a small laptop computer. All these items may be useful to look into.

Interesting

Check out Mapflow.com to see certain cities and areas from an aerial view point.

A New Series

The new television series, 'Across Generations," just might be your chance for stardom-if you have a family story to tell.

A new television series that will allow people like you to share the background of how you discovered your ancestors as well as the fascinating stories, you uncovered about your family on television.

The producers believe that the search for and discovery of that background can be a fascinating story, providing insight into your own family, culture, country, and selves. The stories selected for the series are designed to inspire and intrigue its viewers so they, too, will want to become involved in researching their family.

The producer's works began with family historians in June, and are still seeking interesting stories. To submit your personal stories to First Flight Productions for review, visit [www first flightproductions.com](http://www.firstflightproductions.com)> or e-mail infomation to [www firstflightproductions.com](http://www.firstflightproductions.com). The pilot is expected to air sometime in the fall.

OHIO CHAPTER IS HOSTING

PALATINES TO AMERICA National Conference

German Ancestry.....from quill pen to cyberspace

Columbus, OH
June 19, 20, 21, 2003

Speakes Include:

Christopher Anderson, Cyndi Howells, Beth Stahr, Joan D. Mitchell,
Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Richard N. Pawling

Registration forms will be mailed to members in March 2003, additional information will appear in the "Immigrant" and the "Patter"

Your Dues? Our Palatine Heritage

The article below was published in the Palatine Heritage on July 1981, and October 1981.

The Rev. Alvin F. Messersmith served as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the town of Saugerties, New York, from 1956 - 1970. This church is the oldest in this town, having been organized in the year 1710 by a portion of the German Palatines.

Rev. Messersmith's wife is from Ohio and during a visit she came across an announcement of one of our Ohio Chapter workshops. Realizing that we would be interested in details of the Palatines' arrival in this country, he sent a booklet published by this church on the occasion of the 265th anniversary of its founding in 1751. Now, with the passage of a few more years, it is their 271st anniversary! We are indebted to Rev. Messersmith's interest in forwarding this booklet to Mrs. Jean Hall, for the following excerpts of the account of "Why and How the Palatines came to West Camp."

"The readers of Sir Walter Scott will remember the word Paladin, which occurs in his writings. A Paladin is a ruler who lives in a palace. If he rules a country, he is called a Count Palatine, and the country is called Country Palatine or a Palatinate."

"Two such Palatinates existed in Germany. The upper Palatinate was in the north of Bavaria. The lower Palatinate was up the Rhine, with that river running through it. Its capital was the university town of Heidelberg. Its inhabitants and their kindred on the east called it in their German language the Pfalz or the Rhein Pfalz. The Netherlands on the north and west called it in their tongue the Paltz. Here the Reformed Church prospered, and here a temporary home was found by the Huguenots who afterwards came to America.

"In the year 1708 a dozen families, fleeing from the invasion of the Paltz by the French, reached London, having left all their possessions behind, but having certificates from the magistrates of their integrity of character. Amongst these was Joshua Kocherthal (born Harsch, the reason for his change of name is still unclear). Joshua Kocherthal was born in 1669 at Fachsenfeld in Germany and came to America first in 1708 and again with the large migration in 1710. He had been ordained at Sindolsheim in Germany in 1696. In America he served as pastor to the German Lutherans who had settled along the Hudson River and did so until his death in 1719. He lived first at today's Newburgh and later at Newtown (West Camp). A Christian gentleman and a fine scholar, he had sufficient influence with the court of Queen Anne to induce that sovereign to send the little colony to her American dominions at government expense.

"Pastor Kocherthal was in the prime of life and was accompanied by his wife and three children.

Several other families had joined the colony in London and the whole number increased to 41."

"They left England in the same fleet which brought back Lord Lovelace, the Governor of New York and New Jersey. It was Governor Lovelace, who on February 20, 1669, confirmed freedom of worship to the Lutherans. The "Globe" on which the Palatines had embarked was eleven weeks at sea, arriving in New York on New Year's day, 1709. The weather was very tempestuous, and the vessels were driven asunder and many suffered severely both from the cold and the scarcity of water.

"These families were located upon two thousand one hundred and ninety acres of land lying adjacent to Quaseck Kill, in the locality called by the Hollanders The Dans kammer on land now occupied by the city of Newburgh. But Lord Lovelace having died before the title to these lands had been secured, Dominic Kocherthal at once undertook a return voyage to England in behalf of his countrymen, leaving his family in New York, where his daughter was born during his absence."

"He was successful in securing for the newly appointed Governor Hunter, instructions respecting the Palatines, similar to those which had been given to his predecessor, and came out in the same fleet with him, sailing from Portsmouth and landing at New York, June 14, 1710, a voyage of nearly six months!"

"He had found abundant work during his absence. The refugees from the Palatinate had increased from tens to thousands, and nearly three thousand were sent to New York by the same fleet which brought back the Minister and the new Governor. Four hundred and seventy died from exposure and from want of food and water. Many were sick. But these speedily recovered at the encampment on the island in New York harbor, then called Nutten Island from the nut-trees which grew upon it, better known since as Governor's Island.

"From the documentary history of Ulster County, it appears that the number of Palatines who were residents at Newtown (West Camp) and the vicinity in the winter of 1710, was about two hundred and sixty, including men, women and children. Prominent amongst these were Hermann Scheuneman, Capt. John C. Garlack, the Maurers, Mullers, Spanhimers, Schaeffers, Kelmers, Overbachs, Dietrichs, Kieffers, Emerichs, Frolichs, Beckers, some names still preserved at West Camp to this day. Up to 1711 the three towns on the west bank of the Hudson, including West Camp, had a population of 614. In 1715, the number had increased to about 1500. These colonists understood that they were to be settled on the Mohawk and on the flats at Schoharie.

"These families were to have forty acres of land each, to cultivate for their own use, and were to make tar for the English navy, to compensate for the expense of sending them out. But the Mohawk and Schoharie Flats did not grow pines, and the Government was anxious about the tar. Besides, that region was not yet entirely safe from Indians, and

entirely safe from Indians, and there were pine lands along the Hudson. Moreover, Robert Livingston, from Scotland, who had been a Government contractor before, was ready to sell 6000 acres of his land on the east side of the river and to feed the colonists so long as "It was a beautiful autumn day when the vessels anchored at their destination. Then, as now, the river banks and mountain sides must have been gorgeous with such hues as these immigrants had never seen before. The maple, and the sumach, and the Virginia creeper, the expanses of golden rod and purple aster, would seem to them, as indeed they were, remnants of Paradise untouched by sin. On the mountain slopes and hillsides ten thousand bushes burned as with fire, yet were not consumed; and out of every one God seemed to speak of deliverance. With such thoughts in their hearts, with such beauty round about them, and with the warm sun looking lovingly down from the blue deeps above, what happiness might they not expect in their new home! "With grateful hearts they disembarked, and lay themselves down to sleep under such shelter as they could improvise from the bushes roundabout, or from the tents and blankets from the ships. "What was their surprise in the morning to find the ground covered with snow, and their little ones suffering from wet and cold. However, after the sun arose the snow disappeared, and they addressed to work, as men who had their future before them. The neighborhoods where they landed are still known as 'East Camp' and 'West Camp', though the people were soon located in villages, each under its superintendent or captain.

"On the east shore were Queensbury, Annsbury, Haysbury, and Hunterstown, and on the west were Georgetown, Elizabethtown Point, and Newtown (West Camp). Perhaps, after the death of Queen Anne, Queensbury became Kingsbury, and Annsbury, Hunterstown.

"What struggles these men had for life. The project of making tar failed. Many of them preferred the tender mercies of the Indians to those of the English, and cutting a road for their wives and children

Interesting Topics To Be Presented By Speakers At The 2003, Conference

Christopher Anderson, Keynote Speaker "Germaniacs"

Cyndi Howells, The World Wide Web - "Quit Surfing & Start Researching Q & A"
"10 Commandments of Internet Genealogy" - "Customize Your Windows Desktop for Efficiency in Genealogy"

Don Heinrich Tolzmann, "German Immigration & Settlement in America" - "German Immigration & Settlement in Ohio"

Beth Stahr, "Germans in the Lone Star: Texas Ports & Settlements" - "Des Allemands: German Migration Through New Orleans & Up the Mississippi"

Joan K. Mitchell, "The Image in the Mirror" - "Importance of Knowing Your Family Health History" - "Genetic Technology: An Exciting New Research Methodology for Genealogists"

Richard N. Pawling, After dinner speaker - The Spirit of the Western Frontier - Christopher "Stoffel" Stump

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Columbus, Ohio in 2003**

there were pine lands along the Hudson. Moreover, Robert Livingston, from

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Always call before you visit the Library!

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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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If Not. Be sure you don't lose all your Palatine benefits**

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Mail Order Publications & Other Sale Items Price List

Effective October 1, 2001

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- 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
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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

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handles.....\$15.50
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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
- Baseball caps: tan one size fits all w ships logo in blk..\$15.50
- German-American Flag T Shirts M.L.XL.XXXL in white
flags design on front..... \$10.50
- German-American Flag Pin, enameled with mil/.back. \$4.50

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.....check off items wanted

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
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two volumes, sold as a set only. A hilarious spoof on genealogy in general & German ancestry in particular.....\$10.50

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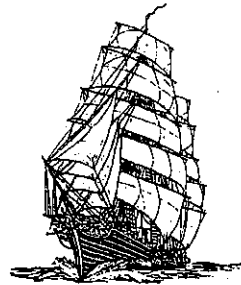
Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Apr 5, 2003 - Indiana Genealogical Society, Annual Conference Chesterton IN

April 24-26 - Ohio Genealogical Society 2003 Annual Conference Columbus, OH

May 3, 2003 - NY Spring Meeting, New Paltz, Ulster County

Jun 2003 - Palatines to America National Conference Columbus, OH



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