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## *Running Into Brick Walls?*

*Saturday, April 2, 2005*

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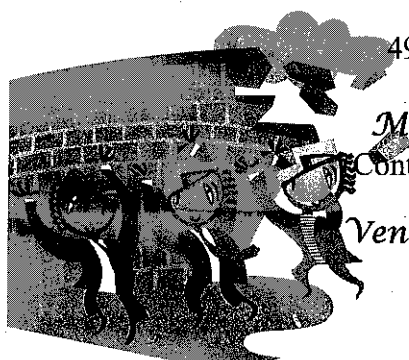
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*Registration: Lower Level— 8:30—9:00 a.m.*



### *Spring Conference Guest Speakers*

*Annette Burgert*

*Robert Rau*

*Kenneth Smith*

*Guest Panel:*

*A Comparison of Genealogy Software*

*A complete outline of the program*

*will be mailed shortly...*

*but for more details today,*

*see Page 9 of Heritage!*

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## Let's Talk About "Giving Back to Your Genealogical Society"

*This article is an excerpt of an article written by George Morgan. It can be read in its entirety in the Archives of Ancestry Daily News, December 17, 2004.*

Genealogical societies are a great value for the money. If you belong to a local society, you already know how much fun it is to get together with other members. Your friends and acquaintances at the local society are all open to listening to you and helping bring down your brick walls.

Distant genealogy societies are valuable too. If you're researching ancestors in other states or countries, it's rewarding to receive their journals and newsletters, visit their websites, learn about their publications, and maybe even ask for some look-up assistance.

It takes time and money to run a genealogy society, as well as the talents of people who are willing to give of themselves to take on some tasks. Your society dues are minimal when you consider all you get for your money. You can help your society by volunteering a little time and energy to help give back some of what you receive. I'd like to make some suggestions for how YOU can give back to your own society or societies to which you belong.

### Volunteer at Meetings

While it would be great if you offered to serve as an officer or as a member of the board of a society, you don't have to make that kind of commitment in order to help. I attend scores of society meetings each year and see individuals doing specific tasks, all of which add to the camaraderie and the functionality of the group. These include:

- Setting up/taking down chairs and tables
- Bringing refreshments
- Staffing the welcome table at the door
- Distributing agendas
- Spreading the word about the society and what it has to offer

### Volunteering on Projects

Being a genealogist often means being an archivist and preservationist. There are plenty of projects that cannot be done without the help of volunteers,

and even a few hours' help can be very beneficial. Here are some projects you might consider.

- Canvassing a cemetery and transcribing tombstones
- Typing and/or indexing results of a cemetery canvass
- Clipping obituaries and maintaining a file
- Volunteer at the local public library to help organize genealogical or historical materials
- Transcribe records at a courthouse or produce a much-needed index to them
- Offer to speak to civic groups about the society

### Presenting a Program

You are probably an expert in some aspect of genealogy by now. Everyone has something to share. You can contribute to your society and to the members' knowledge by offering to present some short program at a meeting.

### Donating Materials

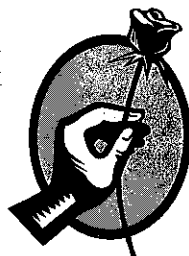
Few genealogical societies that I know about are endowed with the financial means to expand their library and collections of other materials. You can help your own genealogical society by donating any number of items.

- Copies of genealogical magazines, journals, and newsletters
- Maps, atlases, gazetteers, and almanacs
- Previous editions of reference books you have replaced
- Foreign language dictionaries
- New books donated in memory of a deceased member

### Summary

We all have a vested interest in the success and continued operation of our genealogical and historical societies. An occasional stint as a volunteer will make you feel good about being involved and may inspire others to join in too. It can be an enjoyable experience unequalled anywhere else.

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## ***Archaeology—Ancestor everyone shares may be just 3,419 years old...***

By Bradley T. Lepper

Most of us have heard of mitochondrial "Eve," the genetic mother-of-us all who is presumed to have lived in Africa about 200,000 years ago. Such studies of human genetics have overwhelmingly established that we humans, wherever we live on the planet, are all closely related.

A study published in the Sept.30 issue of Nature suggests that when you define "common ancestor" in genealogical terms rather than strictly genetic terms, we all share an ancestor who lived much more recently than the metaphorical "Eve."

In fact, this study claims that someone who lived as recently as 1,415 B.C., probably in eastern Asia, ties all our family trees together.

The authors of the study, Douglas Rohde, Steve Olson and Joseph Chang, used mathematical models and conservative assumptions about human mating patterns and migration rates to calculate the age of our most recent common ancestor.

The implications of this high degree of relatedness are extraordinary. It was remarkable when it was established that we all shared an ancestor who lived just 200,000 years ago. Now it is clear that the human family is much more tightly knit than we imagined.

The authors of the Nature study conclude that, to the extent that we consider our ancestry in terms of ge-

nealogy rather than genetics, "No matter the languages we speak or the color of our skin, we share ancestors who planted rice on the banks Yangtze, who first domesticated horses on the steppes of the Ukraine, who hunted giant sloths in the forests of North and South America, and who labored to build the Great Pyramid of Khufu.

This means that although more recent events have tended to divide us into nations or ethnic groups based on superficial physical or cultural differences, fundamentally we all are one people. Ralph Waldo Emerson would have appreciated this genealogical fact. Although he wrote the following in regard to history; I find the insight applicable to archaeology.. "The whole of history is in one man."

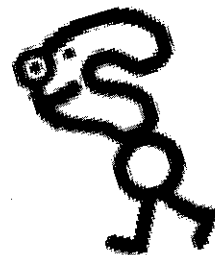
In the same essay, he wrote, "All inquiry into history, all curiosity respecting the Pyramids, the excavated cities, Stonehenge, the Ohio Circles, Mexico" relates to our desire to find ourselves in these wonderful works of antiquity

This new study of humanities genealogy says we can find ourselves in all of these places, because we all share in their legacy

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### ***German Genealogy Symbols***

* born	O/O divorced
(*) born illegitimately	O-O illegitimate union
+* stillborn	+ Died
O engaged	X died in battle
OO married	+X died of battle wounds
Wavy line = baptized	++ this line extinct
Rectangular box = buried	



## *An Addendum to Working with Baden Catholic Church Records 1650-1850*

By John Beery, M.A.

Shortly after submitting the parent article to this addendum the writer realized that two important items were not covered. They need further explanation so that researchers will have a better chance of success. Also, at this time, the writer apologizes for not giving them their just due.

First, when researching taufen, or baptismal records, there are some key points to keep in mind. If one believes they have found their respective ancestor, or ancestors, and a cross is adjacent to the name the old general rule of thumb was that the infant died at birth. This can be, but most of time, is not the case. Please look for the death in the toten records. The child may have died shortly after birth; a few years later; or more than fifty or sixty years later. What the cross actually means is that the individual died in the village. One may have found their ancestor. Please do not overlook this possibility, and in many instances, the truth of the matter. One may ask, "Why the cross then?" The fact is that a later priest went back to the old taufen record at the time of the person's death, and added the cross. He was recording, in more than one place the individuals who died in the village.

Second, when looking at tote, or death, records please observe the names of the witnesses as they provide useful clues to the family's genealogy. Re-

member, because of the legal and social position of women during most of the time period under discussion, it is very rare that they are mentioned as witnesses. Fathers; brothers; sons; nephews; and other close male kin were witnesses to deaths. This writer will provide two examples describing why it is necessary to follow this procedure. In one case, an ancestor died, and it was fairly easy to identify who he was. He was the only man in the village with the name at the time who was a widow and he had a son who was mentioned as a witness. It was not too difficult putting the pieces together. In another case, a given man died. His wife's name was listed, but not as a witness; one of his son's-in-law and one of the individual in question son's were witnesses to the death. The remarkable thing about the son-in-law being mentioned is that the man who died was his father-in-law from his first marriage; the witness in question was married to his second wife at the time of the event. But, it only strengthened the case for the two men, added together with other documents, as having some basis of kinship.

In closing, please refer to this article, and the parent piece, and this writer believes you will succeed. Also, keep in mind, that for each year your ancestors resided in a particular village expect to conduct one hour of research.

### **WILKOMMEN!**

A hearty "**WELCOME BACK**" to Jean Hall, Membership Registrar!  
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## Ohio History Corner

By Mary Hess

### The Indian "Lake Trail"

The old Indian trail was fated to become a principal access through the State of Ohio. It ran parallel to the railroad between New York and Chicago. The trail follows the easiest grades across the northern part of the State of a primitive Lake Erie. The Indian trail runs from Rocky River west of Cleveland along US 20, from Painesville as far east as Buffalo. Using your imagination you might be able to see the Iroquois traveling, along the path west, alongside the Erie. They followed the slope of the land that looks at the wide area of marshes, bogs and woodland, but always the Lake in view. Along the trail, the steep cliffs of the lake and all through the Rocky River area are part of many pioneer tales. The waters were dangerous, but the only sensible route to the west. The "Lake Trail" was used by the forces of Anthony Wayne and Major Robert Rogers in the 1760's.



**Celebrating 30 Years...**

## Palatines to America

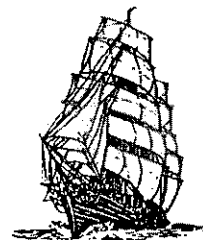
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Simple ways to Write Your Family History

History & Geography Effect on German Research  
Myers Orts, How to Use It  
Not Either- Or, but Both  
Research Results in Indiana Church Records  
German Archives as Recently Visited

**Registrations will be mailed after the first of the year.**

Questions and further information contact:

ralphkroehler@prodigy.net or  
Ralph & Marge Kroehler, 6910 N. Rockvale, Peoria, IL 61614

## A German Youth Brings His Aircraft Genius to America

Chester C. Winter

This is a success story of a German youth who immigrated to the United States to enjoy the benefits of a democratic nation. In turn, he contributed the creations of his highly trained mind to help our industries, and participated in the formation of the character of America.

Franz R. Gross was born in the province of Württemberg, Germany in 1905. His father was a psychiatrist and chief administrator of a mental institution.

Young Franz dreamed of soaring in space, probably aware of all kinds of attempts, and was especially inspired by the painting of a "Flying Monk" in the monastery chapel where he worshiped. While studying mechanical engineering at the University of Darmstadt, he joined a club of youths dedicated to constructing unpowered flying machines, and he played a key role in the design of some successful gliders (Darmstadt I and Darmstadt II).

Germany had enjoyed success in the construction of sailplanes after World War I, since the Treaty of Versailles prevented them from building powered airplanes. The belief that his future work in the development and marketing of gliders would be better served abroad, prompted Franz to try his luck in America. He came to this country in 1929, unaware that the U.S. was entering the Great Depression, and secured employment with the Bellanca Aircraft Company in Wilmington, Delaware. His friendship with Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer of the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation led to a quick change to employment in a small, non-aircraft, Akron business. The friendly president of the company allowed him time, space and tools to design and build a sail-plane named the *Akron Condor*.

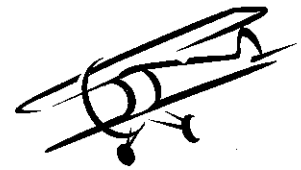
Early models were shot into the air by a stretched out elastic "shock cord," similar to shooting a wad of paper with a rubber-band. The *Condor* set a record of gliding 15.75 miles. He earned extra money by giving glider lessons and rides. By now, his American friends called him Frank. He proceeded to design and build forty utility gliders called *Cadet II*, named after a glider designed in

Europe.

In 1930, he returned to Germany long enough to marry Herta Camerer and complete a Ph.D. degree in mechanical engineering. His university-educated wife likewise immigrated to be with her husband and provided loving support in his endeavors.

Returning to this country in 1931, he designed the *Sky Ghost* glider that had two seats and was ideal for training pilots. It

had a flight lasting more than six hours. He designed a glider with an expanded wing span of one hundred and eighty feet and four seats. It was used



experimentally as a tow-plane to carry mail between Akron and Columbus. In 1935, there was a national plan to train one million glider pilots; it never materialized. Both sides in World War II used troop gliders utilizing some of his design concepts.

In the mid-nineteen twenties, Frank took a job with B.F. Goodrich Company and at night attended the University of Akron, studying organic chemistry. This made him capable of designing chemical and synthetic-rubber plants. In 1942, he also became chief engineer of Air Gliders, Inc. that produced two-seated training gliders for the United States Army. Much to his chagrin the Army although pleased with his gliders, called off a lucrative contract, and switched to using motorless Piper Cubs and Aeroncas for glider training and transport. Gross abandoned his work with gliders and became a plastics engineer with the Firestone Company.

In 1953, he began a fifteen year employment stint with the Goodyear Aerospace company. There he concentrated on heat transfer issues, including re-entry of vehicles from outer space. In addition, after 1956, he had his own consulting and manufacturing company, F. R. Gross Company, and

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was granted sixteen domestic and foreign patents. His principal products were high quality heat transfer rollers, used in high-speed paper and plastic printing presses. In 1980, at age seventy-five, he built a factory in Stow, Ohio.

Yes, there were many exciting memories; some of his antics would be considered reckless today. In 1930, the female president of his gliding club was shot off into space. On the same day, Frank took the four-year old daughter of another club member, on his lap for a flight. Gross took great pride in his own children, two of whom became pilots, one commercially. Most of Gross's glider papers and documents can be found in the National Gliders Association Museum in Elmira, New York, where Frank Gross was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Gross was recognized historically as a designer of important gliders, and two of his vintage sailplanes are exhibited in the museum. America was good to him, but he was good to his adopted country. He died in Akron in 1997, age 92, while planning a plant for a new manufacturing business.

*Peter Gross, son of Frank Gross, a friend, and retired from the Ohio Department of Education, was the main source of this article. He is a member of Palatines To America. The author wishes to acknowledge reviewing an article on this subject by Louis Keefer in the July-August, 1997 issue of Timeline, and the Max Kade Institute in Wisconsin, where some family letters and other documents are held.*

*The author has published: A Concise History of the United States-(2002); A Bicentennial History of Ohio-(2003); and Ohio Cities: Historical Descriptions-(2004). He was president of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines To America in 2001.*

## WEB News

### **Submitted by Mary Hess**

An OH WebSite... with lots of Ohio history  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~henryhowesbook/index.html>

### **Submitted by Pal Am Office**

19th Century Indiana Physician Database  
<http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/hom/19thphysicians/>

### **As seen in Family Tree Magazine**

Seeking info on your ancestor's obscure hometown-- try <http://www.epodunk.com/genealogy>

### **Submitted by Mary Hess**

"Foreign Characters" for ease in your typing your family history (other than what is available on your computer).

<http://www.word2word.com/keyad.html>  
<http://www.dickinson.edu/it/training/vc/msword/foreignchar.shtml>

### **New at Heritage Quest...**

HeritageQuest now includes the Revolutionary War Era Pension Files and Bobunty Land Records Collection. This includes over 18,000 pension files and over 138,000 pensioners and dependents.

*Have you found a great new website? Share you find with everyone. Send it to [joanna-gram@comcast.net](mailto:joanna-gram@comcast.net) for Heritage.*

### **How Long is a Lifetime**

“As a child, man has participated in the memories of his grandparents; as an old man, he participates in the hopes of his grandchildren. Thus he spans five generations or a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five years.”

Hugo von Hofmannsthal 1874-1929

## The Ohio Chapter of Pal-Am

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*Getting the Most from  
Your Visit to the Pal-Am Library...  
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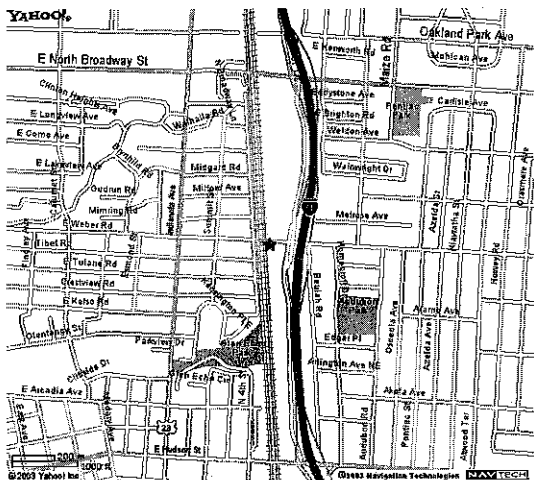
**Only 12 reservations per session!**

**Deadline – one week before the workshop**

**(Note: If you have to cancel, we have to know so  
someone on the waiting list can replace you.)**

Send your name, phone, member number and date you  
wish to attend to Mary Hess,  
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Columbus, OH 43230

**Members—\$5.00; Non-Members \$7**  
**payable at the door**



Directions: Weber Road Exit off I-71. (If coming from the South, turn left; if from the north, turn right). The library is next door to the Speedway gas station and has loads of parking in the rear.

## “Getting the Most from Your Visit to the Pal-Am Library”

The presentation goes beyond the routine orientation information our patrons typically receive during their first visit. If you are the type of researcher who wishes to leave no resource untapped; prefers as little assistance as possible when using a library but knows when to ask for it; and is intrigued by the potential advantages of learning to *think like a cataloger* when using a library, this session is for you. Much of what will be presented will be applicable to research at other genealogical libraries as well.

Specific topics will include the following:

- Finding surname and locality-based resources at the Pal-Am Library—how to improve your luck with the online public access catalog (OPAC);
- Demystifying the Library’s collection codes and call numbers;
- What you are missing if you don’t use the online catalog
- Tips for using the Library’s computerized master index of the *Immigrant Ancestor Register* members’ pedigree collection for optimum results;
- How to use the German telephone/address database [www.Teleauskunft.de](http://www.Teleauskunft.de) and German postal codes to identify surname “clusters” in Germany.
- An introduction to our Library’s “non-book” media (audiotapes, videos, microfiche and software CDs), with special attention to the Library’s underused video collection which offers a surprising range of topics: conducting research in Germany—what to expect when planning your visit to church and civil archives there; the port museums network of Europe; what you will find at the Schwenckfelder Library here in the U.S.; the early German settlements of Missouri; and the best travelogue of Germany we’ve ever seen!

Light refreshments will be served. Although we will not be able to conduct assisted, in-depth research the day of the workshop, the Library will remain open for an hour following the workshop for Q&A, independent research and time to browse the Headquarters bookshop or make purchases—or to leave your name with the Librarian as a potential Library volunteer!

See you there...

Ann Scott, National Librarian, PalAm



*Spring Conference****“Running Into Brick Walls?”***

The program is set... the times are being “tweaked” ... to make this one of the best conferences ever! Your program will be arriving soon ... but this is a

***“Sneak Peak” at the Program*****Registration and Continental Breakfast****Welcome**

*The following two sessions will run concurrently. Participants must choose between the two for their first session. Check your Registration form carefully.*

**Salon H      Robert Rau      “Beginning German Genealogical Research”**  
*Robert Rau is a member of Pal Am. He is a guest lecturer on German research to many organizations. This lecture covers the “basics” of German research.*

**Salon D      Software Panel      “Comparing Different Genealogy Software”**  
*This program will be a panel discussion on the pros and cons of genealogy software.*

**Break   Refreshments, water, coffee and tea**

**Salon D      Kenneth L. Smith      “Problems with German Names”**  
*Ken is a friend of Pal Am. He has lectured for several of the Pal Am Chapters in the past. He is the author of several books on German research.*

**Salon D      Annette Burgert      “Researching 18th Century Alsatian Emigrants”**  
*Annette is a long time member of Palatines to America. She has authored many publications and has been a guest lecturer for Pal Am and genealogical societies.*

**Luncheon****Annual Membership Meeting (Salon D)**

**Salon D      Annette Burgert      “Are your Pennsylvania Dutch Ancestors Really Swiss?”**  
**Annette Burgert      “Locating the European Village of Origin for Your 18th Century German Families”**

***THIS IS WINNER PROGRAM! DON'T MISS IT! REGISTER TODAY!***

## Digging Up Roots

By Jim Busam and Joani Little

"Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, our ancestors were born, baptized, received their first Holy Communion, married and were buried from churches known to, but not seen, by our generation." Joani and Tom Little decided to go to Germany! Invited to join them was Joani's brother, Jim Busam. Unfortunately, Tom Little passed away and after much discussion, it was decided that Jim and Joani would make the trip. What follows are some of their experiences.

Arriving safely in Frankfurt, Jim and Joani rented a car and drove westward to Bingen on the Rhein River, North to Oberwesel and finally, over hills and back roads to Damscheid to stay at "Rheingoldschänke". Operated by Michael Schneider, they told the family of their great grandfather, Peter Schneider, but due to lack of information, couldn't pursue the subject. The next morning, they drove from Oberwesel to Koblenz where their father had been in WWI, visiting churches and cemeteries along the way. Once through the mountainous areas, the land was gently rolling through Kail and Illerich and on to Landkern, their home for the next few days.

At St. Servatius Church, they took many photos and were able to visit the choir loft. They were treated to a beautiful selection by the church organist on the over 200 year old church organ. Mid-afternoon Jim and Joani went to "Haus Münich" where they were greeted by Burgermeister Karl-Heinz and his wife, Edeltrud. Edeltrud was very much interested in our family and in telling of her family. Her maiden name was "Wiersch". They told her that in America a Wiersch married a Minnich, and they were both from Landkern. Communication was difficult but manageable and they were invited to Sunday afternoon coffee and kuchen when most of her family, who spoke more English, would be there. Returning as invited, Jim and Joani met the family. Son Torston was quite interested in their genealogy and gave them several additional places to search. At the table, Jim showed Karl-Heinz' mother a photo and told her it was Nicholas Minnich. She said, "No, no, no." Her husband was Nicholas. I explained this was "mein grossvater". Then I learned that instead of grossvater I should say "Opa", the less formal name and "Oma"

for grandmother.

Touring the local communities, churches and castles in and around Landkern was most enjoyable. Many appear in Minnich genealogical records. A small but interesting village, lovely flowers everywhere, Landkern had many build-



ings that must have been there 150 years ago when their ancestors were alive. Edeltrud Münich made arrangements for Jim and Joani to visit the parish office (pfarramt) to look at old church books, for families and for marriages. Surprisingly, no vinyl gloves were required to handle them.

Their next stop was the Trier area. There Jim and Joani stayed in Hotel Schütz located in Euren, across the Mosel River from Trier. Upon arrival, Jim and Joani stopped at the Statue of St. Mary and took many photos to compare with those their father had sent from here about 85 years ago.

One day, Jim and Joani took a side trip to France... through Luxembourg City then on through Metz and Strassburg. To them, France did not seem as clean as the other countries and was the only place charging road tolls. Interestingly, they were not even aware of borders or signs indicating entry into another country appeared non-existent.

Once back in Germany, they found a Gasthaus in Ödsbach a few miles South of Lautenbach. The house was located in a valley at the confluence of two streams which Jim and Joani could hear babbling away in the still of the night.

Throughout Germany there are many roadside shrines. Some are walk-in rooms with large statues, vigil lights, flowers and kneelers while others are large stone crucifixes or square stone shafts with a niche holding a small statue. In front of the Gasthaus there was a shrine of the stone shaft type. It had

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been broken and repaired and the statue was missing. On closer inspection, a new foundation and base block of similar red stone were noted. On the base block was the name "W. BUSAM – ORTENAU". This told Him and Joani a steinmetz by the name of Busam had lived in the town of Ortenau.

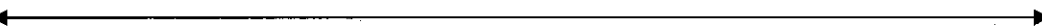
On to Salzbachtal to visit historic Busamhof and take photos. There, they met a man who spoke English and could tell them about the place. Then, to Zusenhofen where they found the cemetery had three Busam markers and many Huber, Ruf, and other familiar names.

Another stop included Nesselried and a visit to the church "Mariae Himmelfahrt," (Assumption of Mary), and its cemetery. Further on, a visit to the ruins of Schauenburg Castle, then into Gaisbach, formerly a village unto itself but now part of Oberkirch. Jim and Joani visited the beautiful church of St Cyriak, Cornerstone: "Grund-Stein 1863". They asked a woman for the "friedhof" associated with this church. She directed them to the cemetery in Oberkirch. Looking at the markers they found many Busam, Huber and Ruf family names. A local woman stopped to help they, commenting Busam was a very popular name here. She also told

them where they could get more names and history. At the cemetery office, they learned of the civil offices (stadtamt) and the archdiocesan archive in Freiburg for further family data.

In Freiburg, Jim and Joani went to the Archdiocese building. Unfortunately, arriving unannounced, they were unable to research as there were only five film readers, all reserved. The young woman in charge took all the information they were looking for and said she would research it and send results later, as time permitted.

The final major stop Köln (Cologne). The center of the town, dominated by the Cathedral, was easy to find. Jim and Joani walked through the Romana Gate and followed what must have been the route of the old Roman road to downtown, visited the Cathedral, the hauptbahnhof, and other old buildings. They specially noted when leaving the area, street signs almost non-existent and direction signs were small and too close to turning points to be able to easily be in the correct lane for turning in time. But, successful they were in returning to Frankfurt where they were able to rest, tour the area and then catch their plane... homeward bound! A wonderful trip... some successful research... and many happy memories of beautiful Germany.



### *Echoes From the Past*

"We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire those rights, which they have delivered to our care.

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Thank you, Don Scott, husband of Ann Scott, our National Librarian

## COMING EVENTS

### February

- 14 Valentine's Day  
21 President's Day

### March

- 6-13 Research Tour to the Family History Center in Salt Lake  
17 St. Patrick's Day  
27 Easter

### April

- 02 **Running Into Brick Walls?—OH Chapter Spring Conference**  
23 Pennsylvania Chapter Spring Conference, New Holland, PA  
24 Passover

### May

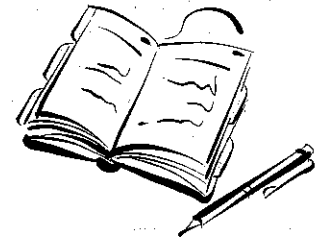
- 07 New York Chapter Spring Conference, Rhinebeck, NY  
08 Mother's Day  
21 Armed Forces Day

### June

- 9-11 **Palatines to America National Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
14 Flag Day

### September

- 16-30 Castles, country Inns and Historic Guesthouses Tour of Germany



## "Castles, Country Inns and Historic Guesthouses of Germany"

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## DER DEUTSCHER KÜCHENMEISTER

Hor D'Oeuvres & Snacks

**Käse Pfälzer Art**  
(Palatinate Cheese Plate)



This is a make-your-own canapé plate. Arrange on a platter wedges of cream cheese (*Quark*), sprinkle the cheese generously with paprika. Next to the cheese arrange small piles of chopped onion, slices of tomato, sliced hard-cook egg and pimiento strips. Butter curls are also sometimes arranged on this plate, or serve butter separately. On another plate, arrange slices of rye and pumpernickel bread.

Each person first spreads bread with butter, then smears cheese over the butter, sprinkles the cheese with chopped onion, then adds egg or tomato slices and pimiento. This is eaten like an open-faced sandwich. Good with beer or white wine.

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## *The James W. and Kathryn Sharp Pontius Collection*

By Ann Scott, National Librarian

The Pal-Am Library recently received the generous gift of the private library of James W. and Kathryn (Sharp) Pontius. An Ohio native and gifted genealogist and writer, James Pontius was a discriminating book collector, and there are many rare gems among this collection of nearly 400 volumes that will interest Ohio Valley researchers.

Kathryn, whose genealogical and literary talents were perfectly matched to those of her late husband during their years of research, has New England roots. We have been delighted to discover in many of her resources on Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont references to various German names which probably represent early, independent immigrations of families with German roots who settled in the Northeast far from the better-known, colonial settlements of Palatines, Swiss and Austrians in New York, the Mid-Atlantic and the Southeast.

The Pontius Collection includes family histories on the following surnames: **AURANDT, BISSELL, BROWN, COURTRIGHT (KORTRIGHT), FERGUSON, FOSDICK, GAILEY, GRANT, MARQUIS, MEAD, MORROW, NESBIT, ROSS, PETTIBONE, PORTER, PRIEST, ROGERS, SAEGER, SEEBOLD/ZEBOLT, SHARP, SHROCK [SCHROCK], STOPHLET, STOUT, TAGGART, QUICK, and WEIR.** While some of these are not German names, of course, the genealogies we will retain will contain associative German lineages or will otherwise have value for the researcher of German Americans.

Incidentally, there is much in the Pontius Collection pertaining to American military history prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century—rare and classic titles too numerous to note here.

Locality-based acquisitions from the Pontius family of greatest interest to our Ohio Chapter members include resources for western Pennsylvania, and the Ohio counties of Ashland (especially Loudonville), Ottawa, Portage, Ross, Stark and Wayne as well as the Fire Lands (mainly Huron and Erie Counties), and Ohio history and land settlement in general. Watch the *Palatine Immigrant* reviews or contact the Librarian for more information. Here's a small sampling of the titles to tantalize Ohio Chapter members:

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- Blockhouses and Military Posts of the Firelands.* 1934
- Early Homes of Ohio* / I. T. Frary, 1970.
- The Evangelical Church in Ohio . . . Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1816-1951.*
- History of the Oak Harbor Public School and the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District* / George E. Thierwechter, [1980?]
- A Journey to Ohio in 1810* / Margaret Van Horn Dwight, 1912.
- Ohio Indian Trails* / Frank Wilcox, 1970 ed.
- The Ohio Story* / Frank Siedel, [1950] (based on radio program of this title)
- Orrville School History* / Orrville (Oh.) Board of Education?, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ed.

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