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The Fall Conference Programs of the Day

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"A Bit of Amish History"

Dr. Helmut Schmahl

"Finding the Birthplaces of
German-Speaking Immigrants
in North America"

"Put Some Flesh on Those Bones:
German Genealogical Sources"

"Genealogical Research in Germany:
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Ohio History Corner

By Mary Hess

While reading about the history of the First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry that my great grand father fought with, I came across some interesting genealogy pieces on the officers. The genealogies were found among the many stories of the regiment. I thought you might enjoy reading about one of the officers.

Major John C. Frankenberger was appointed Quartermaster of Company G and promoted to Captain. He was born September 13, 1829 and grew up in Sidney, Ohio. He got the gold fever in 1849 and went west. He traveled by way of the Atlantic around Mexico and up the Pacific to San Francisco. Needless to say, he had no luck and returned home as poor as when he left.

He worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co. in Dayton, Ohio until the war broke out. Then went back to work for the same company after the war. He later worked with the *Daily Bee* in Toledo and died in Toledo, Ohio May 22, 1879. He is buried in Sidney, Ohio beside his wife and son. Among the many other battles, Major Frankenberger fought in the Chickamauga Campaign, he was highly complimented for his bravery and was promoted to Major. He began the Atlanta Campaign and met with an accident while riding and injured his ankle. This prevented him from doing actual battle in the campaign. It is written that he was more at home on a horse and riding at the head of his command. He didn't wait for the enemy to find him, but went out in search of the enemy.

WILKOMMEN!

By Jean Hall, Membership Registrar

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TOTAL MEMBERS: 627



This Old House

By James Durheim

How Can A Home in Germany last 300 years or more? Easy. They literally pound the stuffing out of it on a regular basis.

When a house that we would call "half-timbered" or "fachwerke," as the Germans say reaches a certain age, say about 100-120 years, the Germans don't do as we would do (in fact we would do it much, much earlier) and just bulldoze the thing down to make room for a newer, "improved" version. Instead, they painstakingly resurrect the house in a process that can take a month or so, but can prolong the life of the house another 100 years. Then the next generation has to worry about the next renovation.

Renovating a fachwerke house works like this: The owners move out, taking all of their belongings with them. Most people live with relatives or in an apartment while their house is being rebuilt. Once all the fixtures and wiring has been carefully removed, the walls come tumblin' down. Jackhammers punch out all the brick, plaster, straw, sticks and other "filling" that makes this house solid. The only parts of the house that are left once they're done with this phase of the rebuilding process are the original heavy timbers and the roof.

The house is left a skeleton, a bare ghost of what it was before. Where straw, mud or even sticks might have held this house together for the last 120 years, now workers come with bricks, concrete, brick and plaster, refilling all the spaces in-between the timbers until the house is whole again. The floors are reinstalled, doors re-hung, windows placed back into the gaping holes in the walls. Flower boxes are put back onto the window sills, the lights come back on and this house is once again a home. Changed, but not altered. Renewed but not moved. Standing crooked or straight, this house is strong again and will last beyond the time when the owners have passed into the next world for their own hopeful rebirth.

It's a process that inspires one to believe that these little villages and towns will look the same in the year 2105 as they did in the year 1905, or the year 1805, or the year 1705.

The author of this piece, James Derheim, photographs small towns in Europe for genealogists. He also puts together private research tours. You may contact James at www.europeanfocus.com or his e-mail address of info@europeanfocus.com

10 Commandments for Genealogists

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***Thou shalt use family traditions
with caution and only as clues!***

*Malcolm H. Stern, Genealogical Gleanings: Basics, Facts, Tips,
Wit & Prose*

Ohio Chapter Pal Am
Spring Conference

April 8, 2006

Der Dutchman
Plain City, OH

**Suggestions for the Speaker
and/or Topic are welcome!**



News

National Archives (NARA) Now Accepts Online Orders

The National Archives' most frequently requested genealogical records may be ordered online. Using "Order Online", you can order copies of passenger arrival records; copies of specific pages from the Federal Census; copies of Eastern Cherokee applications; copies of Federal land entry files; Federal military pension files for the Revolutionary War through the Civil War; and military service records for the Revolutionary War through the Spanish American War — all from the comfort of your own home. NARA has made all of its form requests available online at: http://archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html. The site requires that you register as a user and pay with a credit card.

German Trivia



If a waiter or a salesperson in the USA asked you, "How many?" - you might hold up your index finger. You would undoubtedly get one of the item you requested. But... if you hold up that same index finger in Germany, you would probably get two.

The Germans count to five by starting with the thumb. The thumb means one. Verstehst du?

Auch zum Zögern muss man sich entschliessen.

(Even hesitating requires one to make a decision.)

A Little German Quiz....

- Through the 18th century, the largest number of German immigrants came from which German-speaking region?
 - Hesse
 - Palatinate
 - Bavaria and eastern Austria
 - Westfalia
- The name of the ship on which the first group of German settlers arriver in America was _____.
 - The America
 - The Mayflower
 - The Concord
 - The Santa Maria
- Which water route was most typical for German-American emigrants leaving Germany for America?
 - From Heidelberg or Mannheim down the Neckar and Rhine rivers to Holland where they boarded for the New World.
 - From Vienna down the Danube to the Black Sea, where they boarded ocean-going vessels
 - From southwestern Germany down the Elbe River to Hamburg, where they boarded ships for New York
 - South across the Alps to several Italian seaports, where they boarded ocean-going vessels.
- Who established the first German settlement in Pennsylvania?
 - Francis Pastorius
 - Thirteen families of weavers from Krefeld
 - A group of pietists from Frankfurt
 - All of the above





Shirley Rudy received the FGS Posthumous Volunteer Hall of Honor award for her husband Robert Rudy from Beth Kroehler.



Transylvania Dance Team of Kitchener, Ontario



Palatines to America Annual Conference & National Annual Meeting Fort Wayne, Indiana—June 9-11, 2005

Pictures courtesy of John Stahly



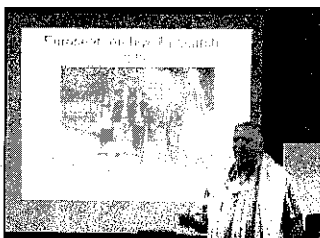
L-R: Odell Miller, Annette Burgert, Richard Burgert, Dagmar Schmidt, German Consul, Chicago



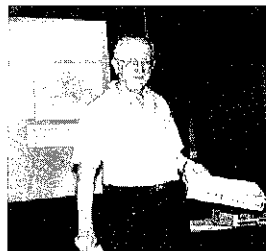
Beth Kroehler received the Harvey Harsh Award from Odell Miller.



Odell Miller presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ernie Thode



Jim Feit, Indiana Chapter President



Ralph Kroehler



L-R: Marge Kroehler, Presenter John Konvalinka, Ralph Kroehler, Jerry Miller, Jeannine Miller, Pat Berens

The Settlement of Germans in Cincinnati

By Chester C. Winter

Cincinnati, as well as Milwaukee and Chicago, was a city destined to receive large numbers of German immigrants in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many new arrivals lived temporarily in eastern states before coming to Ohio. Others came directly to Cincinnati, drawn by employment opportunities. Their route of travel was chiefly overland through Pennsylvania and down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh.

Cincinnati was created in 1788 beside Ft. Washington, in the Northwest Territory, on the Ohio River, half-way between Pittsburgh and Louisville. The first mayor of the new city was David Zeigler of Heidelberg, Germany and a former officer at Ft. Washington. Rapid growth of the city due to a thriving river trade allowed small industries to spring up to furnish items in demand by the early settlers. Soon Cincinnati became a center of meat packing plants, breweries, cooperages, buggy and wagon manufacturing, hide tanning, and the making of soap, candles, furniture and shoes. Commerce was further enhanced by the Miami-Ohio Canal commenced in 1825. Many Germans labored in making the canal and settled on its banks near the industrial plants in Cincinnati.

The German immigrants formed an enclave just north of the canal which reminded them of the Rhine River in their homeland. Thus their settlement inside Cincinnati was labeled "Over-the-Rhine," as it is still known today. They opened beer gardens, restaurants and social clubs. A special type of German club for gymnastics and mental improvement was known as a *Turnervereine*. In fact the first such *Vereine* in the country was established in Cincinnati in 1848, and the city became the national center of these clubs. Many other societies were formed for fraternizing and singing (Maenorchor).

Within the German enclave churches, schools and newspapers were established in which only German was spoken and written. Streets and stores had German names. By 1850, forty percent of the population originated from German immigration. By the end of the century, one-half of the population of Cincinnati was either first or second generation German, giving the city an old world atmosphere.

The center of Cincinnati is marked by the Tyler-Davidson Fountain, unveiled in 1871 and showing sixteen figures and statutes designed by August von Kreling of Munich. The Germans formed quasi-military units complete with uniforms and spiked helmets that were used in parades, patriotic celebrations and festivals. Almost two dozen breweries in the city had such well known names as Wiedemann, Heilmann, Moerlin, Schoenling, Koehler and Hudepohl. A German by the name of Kroger incorporated his grocery business in 1902 and added a bakery and meat department, and soon Kroger Stores spread throughout Ohio and neighboring states. Samuel Hecht made his fortune in the liquor business, changed his name to Pike and built the Pike's Opera House on Fourth Street, the largest in the U.S. in 1850's. It became the home of the Cincinnati Orchestra, organized in 1852.

Two-thirds of the German immigrants were Catholic, but many were Protestant or Jewish. St. Peter's Cathedral was completed near City Hall in 1844. Its atypical Grecian style was the personal choice of Bishop John Purcell who rose to that post in 1832.

In the mid-1800's, a political group known as "nativists," carried out physical and journalistic persecution of Germans and Catholics. The Germans had become politically active and had

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Germans in Cincinnati (Continued)

considerable influence in the city. They tended to vote Democratic. In the election of 1855, the "nativists" seized ballot boxes and destroyed 1,300 votes. They also seized cannons that the Germans had used to celebrate Jefferson's birthday and shot boulders into the streets. On the second evening of the riot, the Germans barricaded the bridges over the canal to the Over-the-Rhine area and prepared to defend themselves, turning back a mob of 400. After three days, the riot cooled down and with time the nativist prejudice melted away.

Again during World War I, many Americans turned against those of German origin, resulting in anglicizing street and business names. Bremen and Berlin Streets became Republic and Woodrow. The Kaiser's effigy was torched. The use of the German language in newspapers and churches ceased. Books authored by Germans were burned or moved out of sight. The state legislature made it unlawful to teach German in public schools. The United States Supreme finally struck down the law which had been strongly supported by Ohio Governor James Cox.

Today, the influx of Appalachians and African-Americans has reduced the percentage of German ancestry in Cincinnati. African-Americans are the predominant ethnic group in Over-the-Rhine which still attracts visitors to its Music Hall, Memorial Hall, Ensemble Theater and Findlay Market (since 1855). Over-the-Rhine is on the National Register because it has retained its uniform three to five story brick homes built flush with the sidewalks with store fronts on the first floor and residences above. The canal has been replaced by Central Parkway. Beer, German cuisine and music are still popular in Cincinnati, and the city has retained a Teutonic atmosphere.

The author acknowledges reading the following books: Cincinnati: A Pictorial History by M. Green and M. Bennett; Cincinnati: From River City to Highway Metropolis by D. Stradling; and Cincinnati: A Guide to the Queen City and Its Neighbors by H. Graff.

The author's most recent books are: Ohio Cities: Historical Descriptions (2004) and Concise Biographies of Notable Ohioans (2005).



DER DEUTSCHER KÜCHENMEISTER

Biersuppe (Beer Soup)

- 1 1/2 tbsp. (heaping) flour
- 3 1/2 tbsp. butter
- 1 liter Beer
- 1 small piece of cinnamon
- sugar to taste
- 2 Egg yolks
- 1/2 c. plus 1/2 tbsp. milk
- Toasted white (French) bread

Open the beer and let it get flat; at least two hours. Brown the flour in the butter, then add beer. Add cinnamon and sugar and bring to a boil. Whisk together the egg yolk and milk and stir into the hot (but no longer boiling) beer. Strain, and serve with toasted slices of bread.

The Ohio Chapter of Pal-Am

Presents

Pal-Am National Library
 Quinn Workshop

*Getting the Most from
 Your Visit to the Pal-Am Library...*
*"insider tips" and unusual resources &
 +++ Time for individual research +++*

Featuring

Ann Scott, National Librarian

Pal-Am Library
 611 Weber Road – Columbus, OH

September 10, 2005
 9:30 – 12 Noon

Optional Research time available after the Workshop

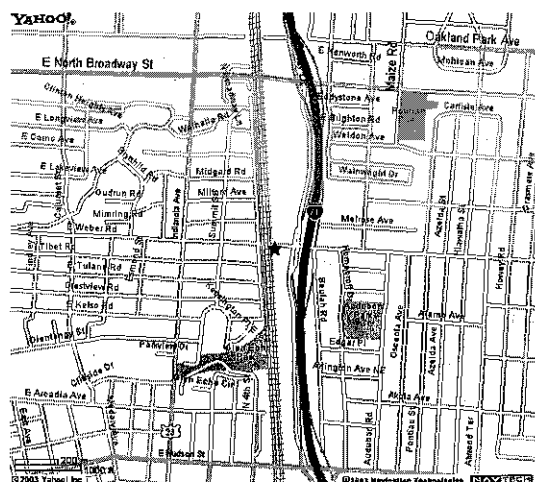
Only 12 reservations per session!

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,
 E-mail: MHess138@aol.com or
 Snail-mail: 657 Kensington Drive
 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.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

The Ohio Chapter Pal AM
SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Speakers will soon be available to give short talks to organizations on German genealogy and the promotion of Palatines to America.



The Speaker's Bureau plans to have speakers to cover all areas of the state. If you would like to be a speaker... or if you need a speaker, you can contact **Mary Hess** at mhess138@aol.com.



This is an exciting new volunteer project! Be on the cutting edge! Volunteer to get involved in the new **SPEAKER'S BUREAU...** and prepare your local organization for a top notch program from a very knowledgeable presenter!

*Historical Value
 of the U.S Dollar*

<i>One Dollar in</i>	<i>Equaled in 1991 dollars</i>
1820-1850	\$13.28
1850-1875	13.14
1875-1900	14.85
1900-1925	11.38
1935	9.91
1945	7.36
1965	4.31
1975	2.35
1985	1.26
1991	1.00

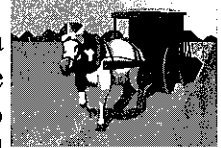
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Eine Reise Durch Deutschland

“A Journey Through Germany”

Mr. Edward Kline is an advocate historian, capable translator and scholar. He is a research specialist in early documents detailing Anabaptists and Swiss Brethren, the forerunners of the Amish Community. Mr. Kline is actively involved with the Ohio Amish Library and is presently in partnership with the Kline Brothers Lumber Yard in Holmes County. Mr. Kline's lecture is *“Bit of Amish History.”*



Dr. Helmut Schmahl is a student of History, English and German Folklore at the University of Mainz in the Palatinate where he is Associate Professor of History. He has lectured at the German Research Association, San Diego, California, the LDS Family History Centers at Hartford, Connecticut and Madison, Wisconsin and to the English speaking genealogists in the Europe Society of Mannheim, Germany. Dr. Schmahl has published articles in the home page of the Mainz History Department. One of his major fields of interest is German Immigration to America. He has done extensive genealogical research for twenty-five years and helped many Americans find their roots in Germany. As well, Dr. Schmahl has made numerous trips to the United States for research purposes. Visit his website at www/germanimmigrants.de. Dr. Schmahl's topics follow.

“FINDING THE BIRTHPLACES OF GERMAN-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS IN NORTH AMERICA”

One of the most difficult problems American genealogists have to face is to locate the birthplace of their immigrant ancestors. This presentation will show how to trace immigrant origins with the help of American and German records. Since many settlers in a certain region came from the same home area in Europe, we will also focus on the importance of chain migrations and discuss German settlement patterns.



“PUT SOME FLESH ON THOSE BONES: GERMAN GENEALOGICAL SOURCES”

Church and civil records are the backbone for genealogical research in Germany. However, they do not provide much information on the living conditions of our ancestors. This presentation will give an overview of what other material can be found in German archives and how they can benefit the genealogist... such as emigration records, notary public records, inventories, military records, land records, etc.



“GENERALOGICAL RESEARCH IN GERMANY: A LOOK AT CURRENT TRENDS”

Tracing one's ancestors has become a favorite hobby of Germans in the past two decades. This presentation will first give a brief overview of the history of genealogical research in Germany and then focus on family researchers today. Themes will include why an increasing number of people in Germany are tracing their ancestors, genealogical associations, records preservation and indexing projects and Internet resources.



A Serendipitous Experience

By Jeannine Miller, Columbus, OH

On 29 April 2001, my husband Jerry and I embarked on our third trip to Germany and our second with a PalAm tour group. The tour included a three-day stay in Kaiserslautern. During that stay there were American hostages released to our military. The international press descended upon our hotel with their vans, satellite dishes and hordes of reporters. Also the Bremen soccer team was in town for a match so it would have been interesting even without the following experience.

I had previously located an immigrant ancestor from the village of Hauptstuhl in the parish of Mühlbach but had not had time previously to visit the village (or visit the willage as Elizabeth, our tour guide, would say). Joyce Decker had reserved an auto for the entire three days in Kaiserslautern but didn't need it but two. Jim and Jane Feit from Indianapolis joined us and we sub-let Joyce's Mercedes for a day to drive to Hauptstuhl.

Hauptstuhl is a typical small Pfalz village.

We parked the auto on the main street and walked through the village to see the church and absorb the flavor. We smelled the flavor as we passed a barn where a man was cleaning out the manure. Jerry saw a man vacuuming his pickup truck and approached him to inquire if he knew anyone by the name of Schwamberger. The man said no but pointed to an elderly lady working in her garden. Jerry's Deutsch isn't very good but when he approached her and asked "kennen Sie namen Schwamberger?" she immediately brightened and invited us into her house. Think about that; four complete strangers who don't even speak your language and you immediately invite them into your home.

When we got inside she went to the phone, made a brief call and shortly another elderly

woman came driving up in a late model Japanese auto. I took one look at her hands and knew immediately she was a blood relative. Her name was Alice Büsser and her mother was born an Schwamberger. Alice was the last of the Schwamberger's in Hauptstuhl. With help from Jim Feit, who does a fair job with his German, we made arrangements to come back at the conclusion of the tour since we were going to spend another week on our own.

The following week when we arrived at the home of Frau Krick, our hostess, there was not only our hostess and Alice but also our hostess's daughter plus a young man and a young woman. The daughter was fluent in English and taught at the university in Kaiserslautern. She had been a classmate of Roland Paul who directs the Institut für pfälzische Geschichte und Volkskunde (Institute for Palatine history and folk life studies) in Kaiserslautern. Frau Krick had pastries and coffee and we spent some time in conversation.

During that time, Frau Krick made another phone call and this one produced a ruddy-faced man who turned out to be the Bürgermeister of Hauptstuhl. He brought with him a hard cover book of nearly 600 pages titled *Heimatbuch der Gemeinde Hauptstuhl*, which is a history of the village with photos and a lot of German text. We paid him for the book and he wrote us a receipt from his receipt book. He then left because he was off that day celebrating his birthday.

The best was yet to come. The young gentleman in the house was Kai Perschmann and his fiancé was a friend of Frau Krick. Herr Perschmann had transcribed the church book of that parish in the manner we so seldom see.

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Serendipitous Experience (Continued)

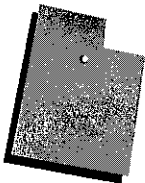
Each person was numbered and cross-referenced and printed in alphabetical order so that you can follow family lines easily. The title was *Register zu den katholischen Kirchenbüchern der Pfarrei Mühlbach 1739 bis 1890*. Sure enough, there was immigrant Johann with

wife Elisabeth. His birth date and year of emigration were just as I had them.

A living relative, a compiled church register and history of the immigrant's village all in one day. I have had some wonderful things happen as I've done my genealogical research, but this is one experience at the top of that list.

Pal Am Fall 2005 Research Trip

7 nights, 6 days—Family History Library, Salt Lake



The Fall 2005 Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, led by Mary Lou Delahunt and Annette Burgert, will be held October 23 - 30, 2005.

Annette Burgert specializes in 18th century German Research problems and has published books tracing the origins of seventeenth century American immigrants in Germany. She will assist our trip members in reading old German script and by suggesting research strategies to locate relevant microfilm and finding aids.

Mary Lou Delahunt will help trip members with USA research problems and offer ideas where to shop, eat and site-see.

Contact Mary Lou Delahunt for information at 309-324-5116.

Pal-Am Europe Tour 2005

The Pal Am Europe Tour through Baden-Wuerttemberg and Bavaria is planned for September 30 to October 13, 2005. There will be visits to several archives and libraries for research opportunities, as well as general tourist activities.

A highlight will be visits to small villages where tour members' ancestors lived. Imagine driving into the village your grandparents lived, worshipped and worked... or visiting the local church and sitting in the pews reflecting on how your ancestors sang, prayed and married there!



The price is \$2,995 per person with the understanding that at least \$150 will go to the National Palatines to America. For more information contact Jim Feit at jfeit@aol.com. JOIN US!

Pal-Am Library Hours:

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

1st Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

3rd Fridays 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

Open by appointment most weekends

Always call before you visit the Library!

The Librarian and Volunteers make up our support staff. They are available to assist you during your visit.

When 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 2-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 in need of volunteers.

We need Volunteers for...

- o Secretarial assistance... process books, stuff envelopes, and other duties.
- o Library hosts and co-hosts for an occasional four hour shift on the Wednesdays, Saturdays or Fridays the Library is open?

We also need someone to come in 2-4 times a month to handle some housekeeping duties... dusting, vacuuming, watering plants, emptying trash, etc.

Training provided for all tasks. Contact Ann or Martha at 614-267-4700 for more information

Direct or Indirect Evidence?

Many genealogists have a problem telling the difference between direct evidence and indirect evidence. Direct evidence is any evidence that provides an answer to your question directly, without any further calculations, even if the answer is not correct. Indirect evidence is any evidence that provides an answer to your question but requires you to perform some sort of calculation to arrive at that answer, even if the answer is not correct.

An example: You are looking for the birth date of John Smith who died 14 November 1964. Your question is: "When was John Smith born?"

In case A, in county records, you find a birth records that says John Smith was born on 12 October 1890. You know from the parents listed that this is the correct John Smith. This is direct evidence—it answers the question, "When was John Smith born?" You may also find an obituary for John Smith that says he was born 12 December 1890. This is still direct evidence—even if it is not correct, because it answers the question "When was John Smith born?"

In case B, you find his tombstone and it says "John Smith died 14 November 1964, age 74 years, 1 mo, 2 dys. From this you can calculate that he was probably born on 12 October 1890, (if the years, months and days were stated correctly.) You have the answer to the question, "When was John Smith born?" but you had to perform a calculation to arrive at the answer—it was not given to you directly. So that is indirect evidence. If the tombstone only said "age 74," you could still come up with about 1890 as a birth date. (You could still be off a year depending on whether or not John Smith had already had his birthday that year, but it would still be indirect evidence.)

Source: NGS News Magazine, National Genealogical Society, Jan/Feb 2003.

NARA'S New Site To See

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) launched a redesigned Web site yesterday. The overhaul was based on comments from researchers like you.

NARA's old site contained tons of useful information, but it could be a bear to navigate. For example, the genealogy page put news front and center, with research information below. Deciding where to go next was difficult: Navigation links weren't descriptive and were listed in no apparent order. Links to HeritageQuest Online and AncestryPlus (now Ancestry Library Edition), non-NARA sites you have use at a subscribing library, were located on the main genealogy page along with NARA databases, rather than on the Other Web Sites page.

It's still too soon to say whether the new site is easier to navigate, but it looks promising. The home page features three columns of links. Those on the left tell you about NARA--its mission, publications and the like. The center of the page features changing content such as news. Look on the right to choose links based on who you are, such as General Public, Genealogist, Educator, Journalist. Links to databases and tools such as Access to Archival Databases and eVetRecs are below that.

The main genealogy page links you to online finding aids and research overviews. You also can click to a Q&A, records spotlight and microfilmed records guides. One more click transports you to pages about record groups such as census, military and immigration. A horizontal bar at the top of the page shows you where you are on the site.

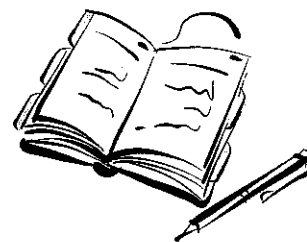
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COMING EVENTS

September

- 10 **Pal Am Library Workshop— 9:30 – 12 Noon** (See Heritage, Page 40)
 Pennsylvania Pal Am German Genealogy Conference—At Kutztown University. For more information, write to the center, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 306, Kutztown, PA 19530; or call 610.683.1589; or e-mail pagermanlibrary@kutztown.edu



30 September—13 October

Pal Am Europe Tour 2005—Questions; jrfeit@aol.com (See Page 43)

October

- 8 **OH Pal Am FALL SYMPOSIUM**
"Eine Reise Durch Deutschland"
Speakers: Dr. Helmet Schmahl and Mr. Edward Kline (See Heritage, p. 41 and 47)
- 15 **IN Pal Am Fall Conference**—At the Athenaeum in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Kenneth D. McCrea, of Lancaster County, PA, will present lectures on "Pennsylvania Land Records" and "Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls" Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$10.00 for Palatines to America members, \$15.00 for non-members.
- 21-22 **CO Chapter Annual Fall Dinner Meeting**—Lakewood, CO Holiday Inn. The program will be announced at a later date.
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- 23-30 **Fall Research Trip to the Family History Library**—Salt Lake City, UT with Palatines to America. Contact the trip leader, Mary Lou Delahunt (309.344.5116) for more information. (See Page 43)

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- 8 April 2006—**OH Pal Am Spring Conference**—Der Dutchman, Plain City, OH. Details to come.
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