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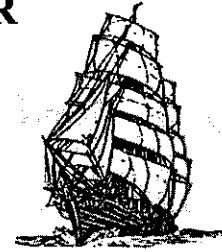
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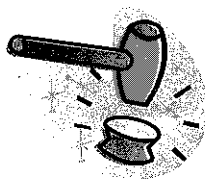
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OHIO CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA FALL SEMINAR

"SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW"

October 28, 2006

Germania Society Lodge
12 Front Street—Columbus, Ohio

GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. DONALD H. TOLZMANN
MARALYN E. WELLAUER

Topics

Passenger Lists, Emigration Indexes and Immigration Projects
German Immigration & Settlement in Missouri and Illinois
Tracing Females in the German-Speaking countries of Europe
German-Americana Historical Reference Sources

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VOM SCHREIBTISCH DES PRÄSIDENTEN

(From the desk of the {President})

It seems that I will remain your Ohio Chapter President for at least another year. Not that I am not honored to serve in the seat, but my plate has become full in the past months. "I am trying to diet." I hope I will be able to serve the chapter as well as my predecessors before me.

Some items that need to be addressed for the coming year is *volunteerism*. The Ohio Chapter is desperately in need of members to come forward to help promote the Chapter's goals.

- ✓ We need someone to take over the Program Committee. I have been doing this for some years, but now I will have to step down. There is assistance to help plan, promote, and carry out the seminars. So, if you have any organization talents, please drop me a line right now. The Fall Seminar 2006 is almost complete, but it needs touching up. That gives someone plenty of time to practice for the 2007 season.
- ✓ If you cannot get out and about and don't mind using the phone, how about volunteering for the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee is in charge of putting together a slate of candidates for the coming year. Drop me a line now, if you are interested.
- ✓ The Ohio Chapter will host the National Conference in 2008. We really need your help here. It takes many people to put on a

successful Conference. We will be needing committee coordinators and helpers for various tasks. Planning for the conference will begin in July of this year. If you want to have a say as to what speakers or topics to be covered or just want to help at the conference, drop me a line now.

Finally, for the Chapter to continue to bring you top notch speakers at our seminars, publish a great newsletter and offer other educational functions throughout the year, a cooperative effort is a must from all members. FACT: Only 10 % of our membership take advantage of our seminars.

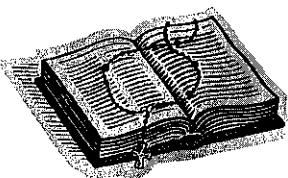
Are we doing something wrong???? Bring in new members and try to attend functions.

I would like to begin publishing a column "*Briefkasten*" or mailbox. Send your comments by e-mail or snail mail to let us know what you expect or need from the Ohio Chapter. Include your membership number. Write to:

MHess138@aol.com
RE: Heritage Newsletter
- or -
Mary Hess
657 Kensington Drive
Columbus, OH 43230.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary



Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

*Blessed are all Grandfathers who filed every legal document,
For this provides proof.*



WILKOMMEN! To the Ohio Chapter of Pal Am!

By Jean Hall, Membership Registrar

NEW MEMBERS

Missouri

LINK, GARY L. WARRENTON

Ohio

ELDREDGE, PATRICIA HUDSON
 INWOOD, MARY L WILMINGTON
 LENTZ, ROY F. NEWARK
 LENTZ, CHERYL, F M NEWARK
 RANNEBARGER, TIM JOHNSTOWN
 SCHUMAN, GLORIA JOHNSTOWN

Oregon

EVANS, VIRGINIA BEAVERCREEK

South Carolina

CROWTHER, DOROTHY ABBEVILLE

DECEASED MEMBERS

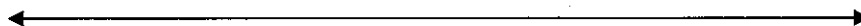
Mar/Apr 2006

Ohio

POLING, KENNETH EUGENE SR
 28 MAR 2006

MCCLUNG, JUHLING
 APR 2006

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: 613



State Library of Ohio Exploring Improvement of Genealogy Services

The State Library Board of Ohio passed a motion February 16, 2006, asking the State Library of Ohio to begin developing a plan proposal for working with Columbus Metropolitan Library and the genealogy community to improve genealogy services. This plan would include a timeline for transferring the State Library's genealogy collection and services to the Main branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) located in downtown Columbus at 96 S. Grant Avenue.

"We feel that the entire genealogy community deserves access to the collection and services

which at the present time are housed at the State Library. We believe that by working with Columbus Metropolitan Library, the number one library in the country, we will be able to offer greater access to a greater number of individuals," said Jo Budler, State Librarian. "Columbus Metropolitan Library's genealogy staff is dedicated to outstanding customer service, genealogy education and resource preservation."

The staff of the State Library plans to present the proposed plan to the State Library Board at its May Board Meeting.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.

— Chinese Proverb

Canton, Ohio-A City of Rich German Heritage

By Chester C. Winter

Ohio's concentration of immigrants of German origin, while principally in Cincinnati and Columbus, was also seen in other cities and towns. The sixth largest city in Ohio is a prime example. Canton, Ohio was named after a city in China by Bezaleel Wells who surveyed and laid out the town for its founder, John Stark, in 1808. Stark was a revolutionary war general. From him is derived the name of Stark County with Canton as its seat. Canton is located in Northeast Ohio, thirty miles south of Akron and ten miles east of Massillon. The city's location, because it was sixty miles south of Cleveland, ninety-five miles west of Pittsburgh and on the crossroads of U.S. 30 and I-77, proved to be an additional transportation benefit. The first settlers were predominately German and Quakers and mostly farmers, although skilled craftsmen of Teutonic heritage contributed watch and brick making to the local economy.

Originating as a small farm community, it soon had a general store, a tannery, a grist mill and post office. The first school house, supported by parental subscriptions, opened in 1811. The village was incorporated in 1815, as a town in 1834, and as a city in 1854. Rich deposits of coal, shale, clay, limestone, gravel and sand were avidly used by local industry, especially for making bricks used extensively in local roads, homes and buildings. At one point in time, Canton produced one-tenth of the nation's paving bricks. The farm economy was soon bolstered by the manufacture of plows, reapers, threshers, mowers and other agriculture machinery. The use of coal furnaces to make iron and steel brought Republic Steel to Canton. The community became the home of Diebold Safe and Lock Company, today known also as a prime maker of ATMs, electronic security devices and electronic voting systems. It was started by Charles Diebold in 1859 as a manufacturer of safes and vaults. Perhaps

Canton's most famous company is Timken Roller Bearings, founded by Henry Heinzelman Timken in 1898. With many plants world-wide, it has long dominated the development and use of heavy duty bearings for railroad rolling stock. In 2004, *Forbes Magazine* declared Timken to be one of the best companies in the world. The second larger employer, the Hoover Company in nearby North Canton, became the world's leader in making and distributing vacuum cleaners.

The nearby Ohio-Erie canal and the introduction of railroads contributed immensely to the growth of Canton's economy. They also brought in many German immigrants as workers. But the city's greatest spurt in population and wealth was brought about by World War I.

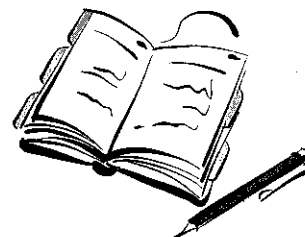
Cultural attractions in the city include the Professional Football Hall of Fame with its annual induction of outstanding athletes and coaches, punctuated by a professional football game in the local large stadium. The arena is shared with the local high school team. The McKinley National Memorial and Museum commemorates the principal residence of President William McKinley. During the nation's Progressive Era, Canton elected a Socialist Mayor, Frank W. Rockwell, in 1911.

Today, the importance of agriculture and heavy industry is fading and giving way to truck gardening, dairy and poultry products. The population of Ohio's sixth largest city is gradually decreasing, presently about 84,000 with seventy-four percent Caucasian, principally of German descent, and twenty-one percent African-American.

The author's four published books pertain to American and Ohio History. For more information, E-mail: cwinter3@ameritech.net.

COMING EVENTS

- 2 May** **Western Reserve Historical Society—German Genealogical Seminar by John Humphrey**
Cleveland, OH Info: Brent Morgan (216) 382-7297
- 7-10 Jun** **NGS Conference in the States and Gentech 2006**
Chicago, IL
- 24 Jun** **Daunbspeck/Doverspike/Dovenspike Biennial Reunion**
North Washington, PA Info: dfdaubenspeck@charter.net
- 23-25 Jun** **Pal Am Annual Conference and National Annual Meeting**
Marriott Hotel in Richmond, VA.
- 15 Jul** **German Interest Group-Wisconsin—"3 R's of German Research: Reading, 'Riting & Records."**
Whitewater, Wisconsin Info: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>
- 4-6 Aug** **East European Genealogical Society (EEGS) and the Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) Conference** exploring East European ancestry
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Info: EEGS website: www.eegsociety.org
FEEFHS website: www.feefhs.org
- 29-30 Sep** **Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania State-wide Genealogical Conference**
Pittsburgh, PA Info: www.wpgs.org and www.genpa.org.
- 8-15 Oct** **Pal-Am Research Trip to Family History Library**
Salt Lake City, UT
- 21 Oct** **Pennsylvania Chapter of Pal Am Fall 2006 Conference**
New Holland, PA
- 28 Oct** **Annual Ohio Chapter Fall Seminar: "Something Old...Something New."**
Featured speakers: Dr. Donald H. Tolzmann and Maralyn Wellauer. Details forthcoming.



NOTE: The planned "Reading German Script" classes are currently on hold. Watch the next issue of Heritage for details about this program.

The Ohio Chapter NEEDS...

LOCATIONS TO HOLD OUR SPRING AND FALL SEMINARS

- PREFERENCES: Church/school halls where their members can prepare & serve a luncheon.
- REPLY: Giving charges for the facility and the meal and if audio-visual equipment is available
- SEND RESPONSES TO: Mary Hess at MHess138@aol.com Subject: Hall Available or by mail to Mary Hess 657 Kensington Drive Columbus, OH 43230.

Fifth Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City

By Mary Lou Delahunt

The Fall 2006 Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will be held October 8 - 15, 2006. Our group will be led again this year by Pal-Am members Mary Lou Delahunt and Annette Burgert.

Annette Burgert specializes in 18th century German Research problems will assist our trip members in reading old German script and 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 sight see.

Registration fee includes

- 7 nights at hotel adjacent to Library with airport van service

- Pre-trip planning tips plus German research problem solving analysis by Annette K. Burgert
- Library Orientations and Classes, Handouts with Maps and Daily Guidance
- Books, Fiche, Microfilm and Computers galore.
- Library hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday; 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM Tuesday-Saturday; Closed Sunday

Note: Registration Fee *does not* include meals or transportation costs.

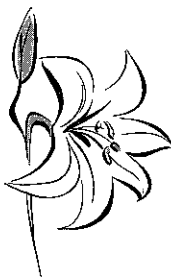
For additional information, check the Pal Am website or contact Mary Lou Delahunt by e-mail at Delahunt@insightbb.com, by phone, 309-344-5116 or by mail, 2691 Montague Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401.

In Memoriam

H. JUHLING MCCLUNG, M.D. died peacefully in his home on April 4, 2006 following a brief battle with cancer. He was a revered physician, a devoted husband, a wonderful and caring father, dear friend and mentor.

As Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Columbus Children's Hospital for over 30 years, Dr. McClung had a profound influence on many interns, residents and fellows. His care of his patients and their families was unsurpassed.

Dr. McClung taught both a special and a regular class in Christian Education at Mifflin Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Palatines to America, an avid supporter of Dawes Arboretum, a bird lover, gardener, a Renaissance man. His kindness and humor will surely be missed.



KENNETH EUGENE POLING, SR. passed away on March 28, 2006. A World War II veteran, Mr. Poling retired from Defense Construction Supply Center and was a Command Sergeant Major, US Army reserve. He was a graduate of the University of Dayton (BA Political Science), Memphis State (MA American History) and Central Michigan (MA Public Administration).

Mr. Poling was the proprietor of Genealogical Research services, past president of Franklin County Genealogical Society, former Trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society, a member of Palatines to America and a presenter for both the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Additionally, he was a competitive marksman, avid traveler and mentor of many.

Welcome... and "Auf Wiedersehn

The Ohio Chapter would like to officially welcome the newest members of the Board.

David Urick, Vice President David is from Columbus and has been a hard worker at seminars for several years. You will usually find him among the vendors helping them with their table set-ups.

Janet Gum, Trustee. Janet is from the Dayton area. She has been a member for several years and is a researcher and a dedicated member of the Ohio Chapter.

Joan Little, Trustee, began her genealogy quest around 1999 when her husband and she did

research on eight of their ancestral families. They also worked on the 2003 National Conference. After her husband's death, Joan took a preplanned trip to Germany—to the Mosel area and Black Forest. Joan has three grown children.

As we send our "welcome" greetings to the newest members, we are sad to say "auf wiedersehn" and "danke sehr" to Robert Rau. Bob has served the board as Trustee for six years. He has given several of our seminars and we hope he will continue to be an active participant in Ohio Chapter.



News

In the last Web News column, I wrote an article regarding my success at a new site... www.linkpendium.com. I asked others to try it out. In response... my thanks to **Pal Am member Fred Mussler** who writes...

"I was disappointed to find several inoperative links and too many links that led to fee-based sites. However, I am looking forward to seeing what the second and third stages of Linkpendium will be like."

However, Fred continued to give us some of his favorite sites. Thanks, Fred, for sharing.

Historic Pittsburgh ... <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/run> by the University of Pittsburgh. Good search engine allows surname searches through 500 books about Pittsburgh and Allegheny County... also pictures, maps, and searchable indexes for the censuses of 1850-1880 for Pittsburgh and Allegheny City.

PA's Past, Digital Bookshelf (<http://apps.libraries.psu.edu/digitalbookshelf/>) operated by Penn State University. Good selection of historical information on Pennsylvania subjects. It's search engine is not as good for surnames, but one can browse the book titles and indexes for families of interest.

BYU Family History Archive (<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>) is a service of Brigham Young University. It is supposed to have digitized just about every family history owned by the LDS Library and the surname search function seems to work very well.

HeritageQuest Online. This service is available remotely through participating public libraries' web sites.

Family History Library (<http://www.familysearch.org>). Everyone knows this site.

Ohio Chapter Pal Am Annual Spring Seminar 8 April 2006, Plain City, Ohio

Reported by Ira Simons

Held near Columbus in Franklin County, the heart of a large Amish Community - hence the name "Plain City".

The two speakers made it an interesting and informative seminar. The attendance was down from last fall with only 78 attendees.



The facilities of "Der Dutchman" restaurant were ideal and excellent for a conference.

It was a beautiful day although a bit windy and chilly for early April.

The seminar began promptly at 9:00am with a welcome greeting and announcements by Acting President Mary Hess. The first speaker, James Beidler, was introduced by board member Ira Simons.

James M. Beidler

James M. Beidler is First Vice President for the Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, a freelance writer and genealogy lecturer.

He writes "Roots & Branches" for the Lebanon Daily News Online and authors regular columns in German Life and Pennsylvania Heritage.

Beidler was born in Reading, PA, and raised in nearby Berks County, where he currently resides. He can be reached at james@beidler.us.

His first talk was

Tips for Beginning Genealogists

Where to start? It's more fruitful to begin with yourself and work backward when starting your genealogy.



James Beidler

Sources

Primary sources: Civil records, church records, deed, wills, etc. are the best.

Secondary sources: Family genealogies, county histories family lore should be used with skepticism unless they can be traced to primary sources.

Time and place It is necessary to establish the time and place.

Ignore "misspellings."

Computers and Internet Software programs are valuable to keep track of your data. Internet sources should be traceable to primary sources if they are to be regarded as valid.

10:30AM Break for excellent refreshments and to visit the vendors.



Vendor Area

10:45 Second session**Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG, CGL**

Elizabeth Kerstens can be reached at P.O. Box 6386 Plymouth, MI 48170-8486 or by e-mail at liz@ancestordetective.com.

Mrs. Kerstens is a retired Marine. She has developed a software program "CLOOZ" which is a relational data base for genealogists.

Her first topic was...



Elizabeth Kerstens

Making Your Genealogy Filing System Work For You

The first portion of her lecture was on time management with many useful hints to make the most efficient use of your time. These hints were applicable to any task.

The second portion was paper management, a place for everything, storage requirements numbering system, file by type.

The third covered using computer programs to organize. Discussed were database programs, spreadsheet programs and word processors.

A great deal of valuable information here!

12:30 Lunch Break

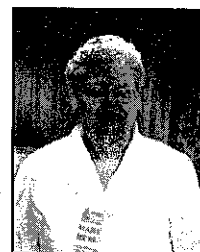
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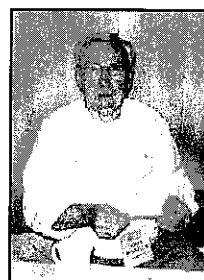
Lunch... YUM!

1:30 Business Meeting

The Annual Chapter Meeting and Election of Officers was opened by President Mary Hess.



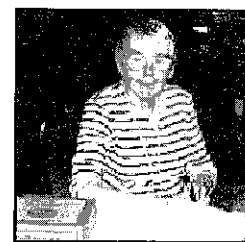
Mary Hess



John Sommer

The **Financial Report** by John Mangus showed the chapter is financially sound.

Jean Hall reported the **Membership** is down from last year.



Jean Hall

The **Slate of Nominees** was offered.

Vice president: David Uhrick.

Secretary: Carol Swinehart

Registrar: S. Jean Hall

Trustees: Janet Gum, Ira W. Simons

They were elected unanimously

Current officers whose terms continue:

President: Mary T. Hess

Trustees: Nancy Karchner, Joani Little,

Richard Hartle, John Sommer, John Mangus,

Gil Kaufman, Allen Wiant.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

A Certificate of Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Mary Tieman Hess for her outstanding service and dedication to the Ohio Chapter of PalAm. Mary shouldered most of the work of running the chapter and organizing its meeting during the past year. The presentation was made by Ira Simons.

Door Prizes were awarded to lucky winners.

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2:00 The afternoon session began with a lecture by James Beidler.

Hunting a Homestead Using Land Records

Another lecture of great interest. Topics included "Introduction to Land Records and Terms," "Ascertaining the identity of the property owner," "Analyzing the written deed, Plotting a survey from the written description," "Using aerial maps of the county." There were also descriptions of state and county level records. These were all concerning the records of Pennsylvania..

3:00 Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens returned.

Collecting Data From the Internet-- What Do You Trust?

Another informative lecture from Kerstens. The first topic was "Hierarchy of Credibility" with four main sections: "Keepers of Primary Sources," "Transcribers of Primary Sources," "Database Search Sites," and "Personal Genealogy Pages."

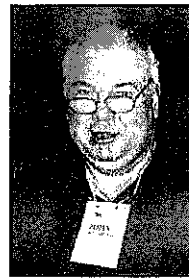
Each section gave several web sites to explore.

Another section was "The Helm Online Family Tree Search."

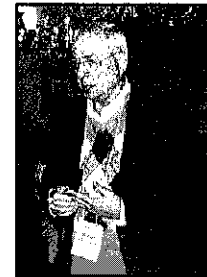
The lecture concluded with "Everyone Needs a Research Log" and "To Trust or Not to Trust: Evaluating Data Collected."

The days seminar ended. As you can see by this brief overview you had to have been there to gain the advantage of the broad scope of information presented.

Seminar Attendees... IT WAS A GREAT DAY!



John Mangus



Jerry Miller



Library Volunteers Needed!



If you live close enough to Columbus to volunteer with us a few hours at least one day a month, please consider doing so.

We especially need seasoned researchers to train for assisting patrons during our extended hours on Thursdays and most Fridays.

We also need more help with

shelving materials and "reading" shelves (maintaining the books in correct order on the shelves by call number).

Occasional, temporary or off-site volunteers handle special projects such as our document files and indexing jobs. Give the Library a call (614-267-4700) and . . .

BE A PAL AM VOLUNTEER!



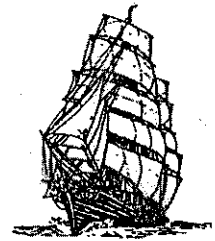
**PALATINES TO AMERICA
2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING**

June 23-25, 2006

**Marriott Hotel
Richmond, Virginia**

TOPICS INCLUDE

Watch for more information on the Pal Am Website... www.palam.org



Blocked Lines

**Researching Female Ancestors
Manuscript Collections
Schleswig-Holstein
Shenandoah Valley Germans**

Saxon Chronicles

**Identifying, dating, preserving and reading
clues in family photographs
Ways to prove who your ancestor was...
standards of proof**

DATING TOMBSTONES

Submitted by Lee Loomis from the Michigan Genweb

One way to help find the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material from which the tombstone is made.

If your ancestor has a tombstone made of slate or common fieldstone (except wood used by pioneers), chances are the stone dates from 1796-1830.

If the tombstone is flat-topped hard marble, dates are about 1830-1849.

If the "mystery" tombstone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions, look for a date of 1845-1868.

Masonic four-sided tombstones began in 1850 and are still in use today.

Pylons, columns and all exotic-style monuments are usually dated 1860-1900.

Zinc monuments date from 1870-1900.

Granite, now common, came into use about 1900.

If the writing is too faded to read, use a 75 watt black light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written message. The writing will miraculously appear.

HELP WANTED...

Members to help the Immigrant Ancestor Registrar in reviewing the IAR Charts. We are asking that you volunteer a couple hours a week/month at the Pal-Am library, contact Mary Hess. This work is necessary if the organization is to put an index of ancestor names on our website.



DID YOU KNOW...

From the PA-OLD-CHESTER Mailing List...

QUESTION: "I have just been checking the Tax List of Uwchlan TWP - 1779, Chester Co. PA. There are 3 separate sections of names: I have a question on the terminology. The section under Inmates and the section under Freeman."

- *An inmate was a married man who did not own land but lived in the township.*
- *A freeman was an unmarried man who did not own land but lived in the township.*

QUESTION: "Since the Colonies were owned by Great Britain, were all citizens of England, Wales, Scotland who moved to Colonies considered British citizens? If you came to the Colonies from Ireland were you a British subject? I know that Quakers would not take an oath of allegiance, but were often affirmed. What is the difference? If you were a German and came to the Colonies, (before Revolution) what process did you go through to become a citizen?"

The Oath of Allegiance was required of anyone coming to PA but NOT from England or those areas under her rule - Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and began about 1720 when the British government became 'concerned' with the tre-

mendous number of "strangers" arriving daily (the Germans).

If you were a man from Germany who entered the country after the mid 1720s, you were required to take the "oath of allegiance." This was often administered to a boatload of emigrants, where they disembarked...sometimes the records will say, 'given on the courthouse steps'... but, the oath was definitely administered soon after arrival. They had to sign, too. (Many were illiterate and merely signed their mark after their name, but they did sign, one way or another.)

Most Quakers came from either England, Wales and many from Ireland....therefore, they weren't required to take any sort of oath. Also, since Pennsylvania was a colony established by and for Quakers ... oaths weren't necessary for the Friends.

I believe this is the oath: "We do swear or solemnly declare that we deny all obedience to the Pope in Rome; and further swear or solemnly declare that no Prince or Person whatsoever hath any Right or Title to the Crown of Great Britain but his Majesty George 2nd, and his lawful issue." The name of the monarch would change accordingly. The Pope was always looked upon as a 'threat' to allegiance to the English throne.

***Looking for a special gift for someone researching their German-Speaking ancestors?
Give a gift that lasts! ... An Ohio Chapter Pal-Am gift certificate.***

Copy and fill out the form below and send it with your request and \$35 to Palatines to America—611 East Weber Road—Columbus, OH 43211-1097. A gift card will be sent to the new member with a note of welcome from you.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP IN OHIO CHAPTER (Please Print)

TO: Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip+4: _____

FROM: Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip+4: _____

The Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America Spring Membership Meeting

The Ohio Chapter of the Palatines to America Spring Seminar was held on April 8, 2006, at Der Dutchman Restaurant, in Plain City, Ohio.

The Spring Membership Meeting was also held on that day. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hess, President.

The minutes of the Fall Membership Meeting, although incomplete, were read and approved as presented. Bill Simons moved to accept, seconded by John Mangus. Motion passed.

Jeannine Miller gave the Treasurer's report as follows: On March 31, 2006, there was a balance of \$21,628.89. The Chapter's net worth is \$30, 860.13. Louise Pence moved the Treasurer's report be accepted, and Gary Lieb-schner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jean Hall, Registrar reported that there are now 613 members in the Chapter—some new and some returning. Two long-time members passed away recently. They were Kenneth Poling and Dr. McClung. Ruthann Manesh moved the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Nancy Ottman and passed by the membership.

An Immigrant Ancestor Index is being considered for the PalAm Website.

It was announced that Virginia Cassady of the Ohio Chapter is running for President of the National Board.

OLD BUSINESS

The National Conference will be held on June 23-25, 2006 in Richmond, Virginia.

People were asked to consider volunteering for PalAm. There are many jobs available that need to be filled.

On behalf of the Chapter, Bill Simons presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Hess for her valuable work.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Miller presented a slate of officers to fill positions on the Board that are now open. He noted the position of President is not up for re-election this year. The slate is as follows:

Vice President (2008)	David Uhrick
Secretary (2009)	Carol Swinehart

Treasurer (2008)	Jeannine Miller
Registrar (2008)	S. Jean Hall
Trustees (2009)	Janet Gum Ira W. Simons

Ed Naber moved that the slate be accepted as presented. Francis Mercer seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the slate of officers were elected.

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter will be hosting the National Convention in 2008, and co-chaired by Jerry Miller and Mary Hess. There is a need for help with audio-visual duties, facilities, vendors, speakers, etc.

It was also noted that representation from the northern part of the state on the Board is needed.

Jerry Miller announced an LDS tour to Salt Lake City beginning June 10th. Attendees must furnish their own transportation and the cost will be \$355.00 double occupancy.

Mary Hess asked for a response on a proposed Reading German Script class series to be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays, beginning September 30, 2006, 9:30 am to noon, at the Germanic Society Lodge on Front Street in Columbus. Ken Smith will be the instructor.

The Fall Seminar will be held on October 28, 2006, with Don Tolzmann and Marilyn Wellauer speaking. This event will be take place at the Germanic Society in Columbus.

The PalAm.Org Webmaster has designed a new website which is now up and running. National is also preparing a new website for viewing this fall.

The Budget was approved by the Board.

Door prizes were won by Ms. Fuchs, Nancy Karchner, Madelon Palmo, and John Mercer.

The West Virginia Chapter plans to host next year's National Conference. As they are a very small chapter, they are requesting volunteer help from the Ohio Chapter.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Karchner, Secretary Pro Tem.

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GERMAN AMERICANS: AN ETHNIC EXPERIENCE ONLINE

Submitted by Barbara Fleshman

Have you seen the book *The German Americans, An Ethnic Experience?* It is a publication of the Max-Kade German American Center and can be found at the following site.

<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/KADE/adams/cover.html>

Chapters include...

- *Seven Million Germans Were Once "Foreigners"*
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- *Whereto? Germans Joined Germans*
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- *Likes Attract: German Clubs and the Display of "Germanness"*
- *German-American Churches and Schools*
- *German or English?*
- *Ethnic Politics: German-Americans as Voters and Office-Seekers*
- *Xenophobia: American Nativism*
- *American Laws Regulating Immigration and Asylum*
- *Integration: The Ideas of Cultural Pluralism*

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RUTHERFORD B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER RESEARCH LIBRARY

Submitted by Ann Miller Scott, National Librarian

Have you been to The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Research Library in NW Ohio... or to its online obituary index? Go to www.rbhayes.org to try it. The database currently has over 700,000 names of people with

an Ohio connection. It is very strong on NW Ohio names, but gradually public libraries from across the state are adding names. If someone has a hit on a name, for a fee, a copy of the obit can be ordered from the participating library.

RHEINLAND-PFALZ STATE ARCHIVE

Submitted by Ralph and Marge Kroehler

"The state-archive of Rheinland-Pfalz (Rhenania-Palatinate) issued a new online-catalogue of the Palatine and Rhenanian-Hesse churchbooks on the following web-site:

<http://www.lha-rlp.de/aktuell/kalender/archiv.html> as a downloadable PDF-file, containing also a register of villages and municipalities. Download: Kirchenbuch.pdf"

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THE LIFE AND DEATH OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Submitted by Bill Teschek

Read the sad commentary Bill has shared at <http://www.alternet.org/rights/32242/>

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