



# NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

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## SPRING CONFERENCE - WORKSHOP OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER, APRIL 26, 1980

The annual Spring meeting of the Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1980, at the Ohio Historical Center Auditorium. The Center is located at the junction of I-71 and 17th Avenue. This will be a full day conference-workshop, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe of Indianapolis, Indiana, will have a display of genealogy books and forms.

Mrs. Jean Hall will be in charge of registration and there will also be an opportunity for new member enrollment and dues paying.

This conference-workshop will have a speaker, Dr. David Koss, at the morning meeting, followed by a question and answer session. Time in the afternoon can be spent in two hour-long workshops of your choice. The workshop topics are: 1) Preparing for Pitfalls in Genealogical Research (improving research skills) - Nova Weller. 2) Contacting German Sources for Genealogical Research - Ernest Thode. 3) Meanings and Origins of German Surnames - Dr. Geart Droege. 4) Research Tools: Books, Periodicals, Maps, and Record Keeping - Alice Fruth, Dr. Arta Johnson. Each of these workshops will be repeated each hour, so all attending can choose two in which to participate for the afternoon session.

## CAPSULE REPORT ON OUR SPEAKER, DR. DAVID KOSS

Ernest Thode, Program Committee Chairman, is very pleased that Dr. David Koss agreed to be the speaker at the morning session of the Spring Conference-Workshop. Dr. Koss, a professor of theology and history at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, chose as his topic, "Pitfalls in German-American Genealogical Research." Dr. Koss admits that this rather broad subject allows him a wide range to develop many areas in which he is interested, particularly German-American church records and especially Protestant church papers.

Dr. Koss, an alumnus of North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Ill., also has a Master's Degree in Theology from Princeton Theology Seminary and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He has been interested in genealogy for many years and has twice traveled behind the iron curtain to pursue his own genealogy research. Dr. Koss has contributed articles to such periodicals as the NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY and THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST and is a member of Palatines to America.

A question and answer session will follow Dr. Koss' discussion.

## NEW BOOK BY PAL-AM MEMBER

Alice Gruber, Pal-Am member from Akron is working on her second family history book to be published in June. This one will be on her own family line.

FOUR-GENERATION  
CHART PROGRAM

Last Fall the national president of Pal-Am, Rev. Harvey R. Harsh, asked if the Ohio Chapter would take the responsibility for the "Second Section" of the Four-Generation Chart program. Chapter President, Martha Agler, accepted, and appointed a committee chairman, Robert S. Rudy, past national president, to get this project underway.

The first work session was scheduled in the meeting room of the Grandview Hts. Public Library, Sept. 25, 1979. Some fifteen members came to help in this project, including Dr. Helen Wikoff, who headed the committee which worked up the "First Section", which is now being published in PALATINE PATTER.

In two sessions more than 1000 5x8 cards have been transcribed from the charts, so when the "First Section" has been published there will be a huge batch of information ready for the printing of the "Second Section."

Those who have participated agree that the Four-Generation Charts hold the key to the principle objective of our society. The Ohio Chapter is pleased to have been chosen to carry on this project. If you would like to help, the committee would welcome your helping hand. Just give Bob Rudy a call at 488-3545.

AREA MEETING PILOT  
PROJECT

Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, scheduled their fourth Mini-workshop for Thursday, March 27, in the rooms of the Colonel Crawford Inn at the Ohio Village. The previous three workshops were held at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Columbus, the Tremont Library in north-west Columbus, and the Clintonville Woman's Club in north Columbus.

The hours of these meetings were 9-3:30 and attendance was limited to the first twenty persons who called in their reservations. Fee for attendance was

\$2.00 which covered the cost of mailing, xeroxing materials, etc.

The panel, comprised of Vic Thomas, Nova Weller, Lois Rudy, Dr. Geart Droege, and Hazel Marx, discussed Germanic research, Surname identification, writing and publishing your family history. Slides of the Rhineland were also shown.

Those who have attended enjoyed the fun and sociability as well as the learning experience. Since this is a "pilot project", the committee would be very interested in hearing whether the membership would like to continue this type of workshop in the future.

REPORT FROM OHIO CHAPTER  
PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL

Spring has come at last and with it the time for me to bring Ohio Chapter members up-to-date on the activities of the executive committee.

Soon after the Fall meeting we met to evaluate the Bluffton meeting and initiate plans for the Spring Conference. Although the attendance at the Bluffton meeting was small, and the cost exceeded the income, we concluded that it was a very interesting day for those able to attend. The speakers were very knowledgeable, the food excellent and the weather a "bright blue October day".

As to Spring plans it was decided to try a new format using one key speaker with plenty of question and answer time, and have the afternoon divided into workshop sessions on several topics. This plan would hopefully more nearly meet the interests of the diverse experience and skills in genealogical research of our members. Also, more individual participation would be possible. Two committees were appointed: 1) To develop a pilot program to be offered as a guide to leaders of area meetings. Robert Rudy, Chairman; Nova Weller and Vic Thomas; 2) To study the feasibility of establishing a dues structure for Ohio

Chapter. George Manser, Chairman;  
Montford Schaffner, Robert Rudy.

On March 13 the committee met to finalize plans for the Spring Conference-Workshop, April 26, 1980, details of which you can read on page 1. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. It is at this conference that the annual business meeting is held including the election of officers. The nominations committee is searching for candidates for president. Do you wish to volunteer, or make a suggestion? If so, contact Montford Schaffner, 1799 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio 43203, as soon as possible.

The committee working on the area meeting pilot project has been very busy and doing an excellent job. Read their report on page 2.

The dues committee proposed that Chapter dues of \$3.00 single and \$5.00 family be established beginning June 1, 1981, with increased services to members. One such service would be a quarterly newsletter, which might contain helpful genealogical information. In order to do this we must have a publication committee to help the newsletter editor. Would you be interested in being a member of such a committee? Let the newsletter editor know. See address below.

Another advantage provided by dues could be a 25% discount on registration fees for conferences and workshops. What other services would you like to receive from the Ohio Chapter? Send your ideas to Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, P.O. Box 12413, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

We look forward to seeing many of you on April 26th!

Respectfully submitted

Martha Agler, President

Your Executive Council:

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR  
ANCESTOR HUNTERS

THE PENNSYLVANIA-GERMAN IN THE SETTLE-  
MENT OF MARYLAND --

by Daniel W. Nead

The migration of the Pennsylvania Germans into Maryland began in the mid-18th century, and this basic work deals with their settlements, activities, and contributions to the growth of the state. Thousands of the settlers are named in church rosters and lists of redemptioners, militiamen, and soldiers. (Available from the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD. 21202)

MIGRATION, EMIGRATION,  
IMMIGRATION --

by Olga K. Miller

The author describes her books as follows: "The result of more than 15 years of collecting, searching, studying, copying, comparing, discerning, and sorting of any information referring to migration, emigration, immigration, voluntary or compulsory, that came to my attention."

The book is divided into 5 sections: Part 1, General (Colonies, New England, indentured servants, convicts, and rebel prisoners); Part 2, Religious and refugee groups (Acadian, Huguenots, Loyalists, Mennonites, Moravians, Quakers, etc.); Part 3, Heraldry; Part 4, States of the U.S.; and Part 5, some European countries (Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Great Britain, Scandinavia, Belgium, France, Netherlands, etc. and also Canada).

This is a very well-known book that can be found in both the Ohio Historical Center Library and the State Library of Ohio.

Jean Hall, Treasurer  
Betty Bernard, Newsletter Editor  
Ernest Thode, Program Chairman

PALATINES TO AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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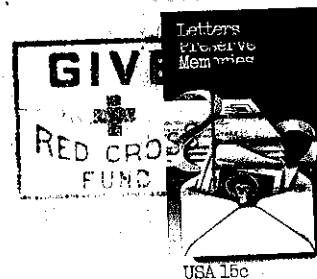
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(Please bring this program with you to the meeting)

Ohio Chapter - PALATINES TO AMERICA

Spring Conference - Workshop -- April 26, 1980

Meeting in Auditorium, Ohio Historical Center - 17th Ave. - I 71 - Columbus, Ohio

- 9:00 a.m. Registration. Display of genealogical books and forms  
9:30 a.m. Welcome by Martha Agler, President, Ohio Chapter  
Introductions  
Presentation of book to O. H. S. Library  
Response of the Librarian  
9:45 a.m. Business meeting. Reports and election of officers for 1980-81  
10:15 a.m. "Pitfalls in German-American Genealogical Research"  
Dr. David Koss, Professor of Theology and History, Illinois  
College, Jacksonville, Illinois, 62650  
Followed by question and answer period  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Noon break - lunch on your own  
1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Reconvene for announcements and introduction to workshop  
leaders and locations.  
1:45 - 2:45 p.m. First session of workshops  
2:45 - 2:55 p.m. Intermission  
2:55 - 3:55 p.m. Second session of workshops

Goodbye! Thanks for coming! Have a safe journey home.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM BY APRIL 18, 1980

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM - MAIL TO: Mrs. Russel Hall, 181 Heischman Avenue,  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Members: Registration - \$6.00; Non-Members: Registration - \$8.00

(Registration after April 18 and at the Door April 26, 1980 - Members \$7.00;  
Non-Members \$9.00)

Make checks payable to Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America

Please check following to help us in planning:

Noon plans: check one

- Eat at Col. Crawford Inn, Ohio Village  
 Eat in O.H.S. Canteen  
 Brown bag or on my own

Workshop interest: check two  
(See topics in newsletter article,  
page 1)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: Ms., Miss, Mr., Mr. & Mrs.

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MAIL THIS REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 1980

(Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to you; or pick-up  
at Registration desk, 9 a.m., April 26th)