



NEWSLETTER of the
Ohio Chapter
PALATINES TO AMERICA

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SPRING CONFERENCE
OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER
APRIL 25, 1981

Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, have scheduled their annual Spring meeting on Saturday, April 25, 1981. It will be held at the Ohio Historical Center Auditorium from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Genealogy books and forms from Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe, Indianapolis, will again be on display.

Registration will open at 8:00 a.m.. Please remember to use the Velma Road entrance. "Affairs by Beth" will serve free hot drinks and cookies.

For this meeting advance registration for members will be \$6.00 and \$8.00 at the door. For non-members advance registration will be \$8.00 and \$10.00 at the door.

Again the Colonel Crawford Inn (in the Ohio Village) has been reserved for lunch. The two choices for lunch are the following: Baked Breast of Chicken, Peas, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread/Biscuit, Beverage for \$4.75; and Jr. Colonial Salad plus Beverage for \$3.00. If you want dessert, it will be extra and you must pay for it as you leave. Please note on the enclosed reservation form which and how many lunches you wish and add either \$4.75 or \$3.00 to your proper registration fee. The form should be returned to Mrs. Jean Hall before April 18, 1981, and please include SASE if you would like the tickets returned to you before the meeting.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER
TO BE MARALYN WELLAUER

For the Spring conference, the Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, will have well-known genealogist and author, Maralyn Wellauer, who will speak on the topics SWISS GENEALOGY RESEARCH and FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Maralyn Wellauer, a native of Wisconsin, has traced her own roots to eight countries. The first ancestor who emigrated with his family from Wagenhausen, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, in 1849, was Johann Rudolf Wellauer. His ancestors came to that town from Affeltrangen in the mid-1600's. She has successfully traced other Swiss lines back to the 16th century in Stein-am-Thein, Canton Schaffhausen. Some of the Swiss names she has researched are: BÜEL, BREITINGER, KETTER (from Hüttwilen), L'HOSTE, SINGER, WASER, WELLAUER, and WIN(T)Z.

Miss Wellauer has written the WELLAUER GENEALOGY and completed a comprehensive manual, A GUIDE TO FOREIGN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, which is presently out-of-print. She is also the author of TRACING YOUR SWISS ROOTS, TRACING YOUR GERMAN ROOTS, TRACING YOUR POLISH ROOTS, TRACING YOUR CZECH AND SLOVAK ROOTS, TRACING YOUR NORWEGIAN ROOTS, A LIST OF EVANGELICAL COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF POSEN, A LIST OF EVANGELICAL COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF POMMERN (POMERANIA).

As a staff member of the National Genealogical Inquirer, she answers questions in her column "Bridge Across the Sea" on foreign research problems. She also contributes articles to the TRI-STATE TRADER

and is the Director of the Metropolitan Area for the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Miss Wellauer plans to bring material for handouts to those attending and also plans to bring (or send ahead) copies of her books for sale, especially the German and Swiss handbooks.

After the lunch break, she will have a question and answer session for those who have problems in areas where she could be helpful.

KNOW OUR WORKSHOP LEADERS

After Maralyn Wellauer's discussion session, there will be two workshops held to help those attending with their research problems.

Leading one workshop will be Dr. Geart B. Droege. He received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University, writing a dissertation on Germanic personal names in Middle Dutch place names. Dr. Droege's leading of workshops at previous Pal-Am meetings have been a source of much valuable information because of his particular knowledge in the area of name origins. In the Journal of the American Names Society, Dr. Droege is Specialist in Dutch (including Flemish), Frisian, and German. He has recently extended his research into Danish and Judeo-Dutch and Judeo-German names.

After seven years as a teacher at Capital University, Dr. Droege is now in private research. For a fee of \$25 (plus incidental costs) he will research family names in the areas of his expertise. You may contact him at 894 Kenwick Rd., Columbus, OH, 43209 or by phone (614) 237-6272.

Mrs. Nova Weller began her genealogical research as a hobby some eight years ago when she started researching her own and her husband's families. As she developed skill in searching, compiling resources, and keeping records, she began to organize her experiences into a series of workshops thus increasing her own pleasure through sharing. She can provide guidance

for both the beginner and more advanced researcher in general genealogical research with specific help with German ancestor research in the U.S.

Under the sponsorship of the Franklin County Genealogical Society, and with co-author, Suzanne Nettle, Mrs. Weller has a book just off the press and available for purchase: Genealogical Researcher's Manual, With Special References For Using the Ohio Historical Society Library. Copies can be purchased by sending \$4.50 plus \$1.50 postage to the Franklin County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 09324, Columbus, OH, 43209. Mrs. Weller will have copies for sale on April 25th.

AD HOC COMMITTEE AT WORK

An ad hoc committee, appointed by President Betsch, met January 14, 1981, to study the establishment of headquarters for Palatines to America. Members of the committee are: Robert Rudy, chairman, George Manser, Montford Schaffner, Harold Betsch, and Martha Agler. At present, the national headquarters are based in the resident area of the national president. The consensus of the committee was that establishing permanent headquarters would be desirable. Benefits noted were: provide a more viable organization with headquarters for an office staff, insure safe storage of records, make bequests or grants more available, and generally abet the image of Palatines to America.

Since other than making a recommendation, the Ohio Chapter has no power of action at the national level, the discussion turned to the consideration of Ohio Chapter headquarters. Some of the advantages to the chapter would be: a permanent address for receiving mail and inquiries, storage for files, and newsletter or committee work space. Mr. Manser was asked to make contacts with some local institutions to determine availability of space and Mr. Schaffner agreed to consult his attorney on legal considerations. Mr. Rudy was asked to head a sub-committee

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OHIO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

As announced in the Ohio Chapter Newsletter of March 1980, and again during the annual business meeting of April 26, 1980, those Ohio resident members of Palatines to America, who wish to be members of the Ohio Chapter, will pay \$3.00 for an individual or \$5.00 for a family membership. Other Ohio members of Pal-Am will receive notice of the Spring and Fall meetings of the chapter, but will not receive the Newsletter, or benefit by the 25% discount in fees for semi-yearly meetings or special workshops scheduled by the Ohio Chapter. With the income from dues we hope to be able to provide a more informative newsletter and further our efforts to establish a chapter headquarters in Columbus.

As a special saving on memberships sent in before June 1, 1981, the cost will be \$2.50 for individual and \$4.50 for family. Members who plan to attend the Spring meeting, may fill out the membership form below and include it with your payment when sending in the meeting registration. Your membership card will be returned with name tag and meal tickets if you send SASE, or you can pick it up with the registration material at the desk between 8-9 a.m., April 25th. Discounted memberships will also be on sale at the meeting. Those not attending may send in the form to Mrs. Hall prior to June 1, 1981, to take advantage of the reduced rate. Please send SASE for return of the membership card.

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP STAFF AVAILABLE

In 1979-1980 four pilot genealogical workshops were conducted in the Columbus area to develop a four-hour program dealing with German genealogical research in the United States and Europe. On the basis of these meetings, there is now a plan and staff available to conduct a workshop wherever in Ohio arrangements can be made.

Cost to the group organizing such a workshop is providing meals and mileage for the speakers, usually 3-4 individuals. The enrollment should be 20-30 persons. Time should be scheduled from 9:30-10:00 a.m. to 3 or 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch. Fees should cover a basic \$2.00 cost for xeroxed hand-out materials plus local costs which might include a noon lunch. However, lunch arrangements can be flexible according to the meeting site, such as to brown-bag it, or lunch at a restaurant if one is close by.

The enrollment need not be restricted to members of Palatines-to America. The public could be invited but require advance registration.

Any Pal-Am member wishing to organize such a workshop may contact:
Mrs. Nova Weller (614-488-6884)
1325 Cambridge Blvd.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

She will be happy to give you more information concerning the arranging of a workshop in your area.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OHIO CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA
June 1, 1981 to May 31, 1982

_____ Individual Membership \$3.00 (\$2.50 before June 1, 1981)
_____ Family Membership \$5.00 (\$4.50 before June 1, 1981)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OHIO CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA

Mail this form with your check to: Mrs. Russell Hall, Treasurer, 181 Heischman Ave.,
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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to consider the size of a desirable room and minimum furnishings needed. At first the office would need to be open only part-time, and be staffed by volunteers.

Authorization was given by the Executive Committee at a meeting Feb. 19, 1981, to continue the search for and establishment of Ohio Chapter headquarters. Mr. Rudy would welcome comments and suggestions from members concerning this project. Send them to him at 1492 Guilford Road, Columbus, OH 43221

BOOK FOR ANCESTOR HUNTERS

MacWethy - THE BOOK OF NAMES - Especially Relating to the Early Palatines and the First Settlers in the Mohawk Valley - Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD 21202 - 1981.

Originally published in 1933 this work listed the names of the early Palatines of New York State. The estimated 20,000 names are classified, combined, and otherwise arranged for the researcher to identify Palatine immigrants in relation to specific categories of records.

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