



NEWSLETTER of the
Ohio Chapter
PALATINES TO AMERICA

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FALL CONFERENCE, OHIO HISTORICAL
CENTER, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24,
1981

Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America is proud to announce that Milton Rubincam will be the speaker at their Fall meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24, 1981, in the auditorium of the Ohio Historical Center, I-71 and 17th Avenue, in Columbus. Mr. Rubincam, a nationally-known genealogical lecturer, will speak on "Determining Places of Origin of Pennsylvania Germans".

After call to order at 9:15 for opening announcements, Mr. Rubincam will speak from 9:30 to 10:45 (with a short break), followed by an open question and answer session on German-American genealogy until 12 noon when those attending will break for lunch.

At 1:30 the afternoon session will open with a talk by Bernd Gros, a naturalized American citizen who was born in Germany. His subject will be "Patriotism for the German-American". Following this at 2:30 those attending will have a choice of one of the following classroom sessions:

1. "Pre-Federal Land Records Concerning German Settlers in the Colonies" - led by Ferne Reedy Lubbers
2. "German Genealogical Research Procedures" - led by Nova Weller
3. "German Surname Geography" - led by Dr. Geart Droege

Registration will be held in the lobby of the Velma Ave. entrance (West side) of the Center from 8:30-9:15. Coffee (free of charge) will be available.

Books for sale by Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe of Indianapolis, Indiana, will be on display.

Advance registration fees will be \$6.00 for Ohio Chapter members and \$8.00 for non-members. At the door fees will be \$7.50 and \$10.00. Luncheon reservations (optional) at the nearby Colonel Crawford Inn (Ohio Village) should be made by Saturday, Oct. 17, 1981. Baked breast of chicken will be \$5.00, including tax and gratuity; and the Jr. Colonial Salad will be \$3.00, including tax and gratuity. Use the enclosed form to make your advance reservations with Mrs. Russell Hall, 181 Heischman Ave., Worthington, Ohio, 43085, by October 17th. Please enclose a SASE for tickets to be returned to you. Any further inquiries you might have concerning the conference you can direct to President Harold Betsch. His telephone number is 614-274-5007.

The Ohio Historical Society has established a new policy regarding parking. Members may park free by showing their membership card at the lot entrance. Non-members are charged \$1.50. If you should choose to join the Ohio Historical Society during the time of your parking, the \$1.50 will be credited toward your membership fee.

MILTON RUBINCAM, FASG, SPEAKER
FALL CONFERENCE

The name of Milton Rubincam is synonymous with genealogy and Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, is fortunate to have him as the speaker at the Fall Conference. Mr. Rubincam, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists, has a very long list of accomplishments in the field of genealogy including memberships in numerous historical and genealogy societies, editorships

of genealogical publications, lecturer, author and editor of many articles and books on related subjects. Mr. Rubicam

was born in Pennsylvania and worked in government service from 1935-1972. He presently resides in Hyattsville, Maryland.

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OHIO CHAPTER, PALATINES TO AMERICA - Workshop Topics (see article page 5)

1. Meanings and Origins of European Surnames
Includes list of basic name dictionaries and European gazetteers. Surnames originated around the 1300's and were based on appearance, occupation, geographic area, and patronymics. Teacher: Dr. Geart B. Droege; Time: 1/2 hour lecture, 1 hour questions.
2. What's a Palatine?
Short historical survey, with boundaries and ownership; importance for locating town and finding records. Historical atlas, Atlantic Bridge series and zip code book will be shown. Includes map handout. Teacher: Dr. Arta F. Johnson; Time: 1 hour.
3. Researching the 1700's or 1800's in the USA
Problems, methods, and sources are different. A two-page handout from the State Library of Pennsylvania. Teacher: Dr. Arta F. Johnson; Time: 1 hour or less.
4. Problems in Spelling and Pronouncing German Names
How and why German names were garbled in USA; how to restore original spelling and need to do so. Short exposition with examples on: German sounds hard to tell apart; German sounds spelled differently in English; German sounds that can't be spelled in English; English spellings never found in German. Need opaque projector for large group, stand for posters in small group. Handout: German alphabet and diphthongs with pronunciation guide. Show: book for sale, \$7.00 without postage. Teacher: Dr. Arta F. Johnson; Time: 1 hour or more.
5. Locating Towns and Villages in Germany, Switzerland, Alsace, Austria (When you think you know what it is called, but can't find it.)
Spelling errors, duplication of town name (there are 32 towns named Reichenbach in Germany!). Confusion of village with Kreis, Amt, etc. A map handout. Show: Atlantic Bridge, Zip code books, book (\$7.00). Comments on Ernie Thode's maps and knowledge, and atlases at OSU library (show Xerox sample). Teacher: Dr. Arta F. Johnson; Time: 1 hour.
6. Reading the Old German Script
Specific for church records: patterns in church records, 2 ¢ worth of grammar, dictionaries recommended, examples and practice in reading. Handout: examples of script letters (one sheet). Show: examples for reading practice (book, \$4.00), an opaque projector required for group larger than 6. Teacher: Dr. Arta F. Johnson; Time: 4 to 8 hours.
Note: This is a course Dr. Johnson teaches in the Columbus area and is paid \$10.00 per hour and therefore expects same outside the Columbus area.
7. How to Publish Your Material
Everything from contacting a publisher or printer to preparing your research for copy. Teacher: Hazel Marx; Time: 1 to 2 hours.
8. The Four-Generation Charts
How to fill out the four-generation charts, the correct numbering system, and the files generated from these charts. Material includes the published and unpublished files. Your ancestor may be listed. Teacher: Bob Rudy; Time: 1 hour.

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WARNING! GENEALOGY POX
(very contagious to adults)

Symptoms: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, kinships, and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave any mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. NO KNOWN CURE.

Treatment: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines, and be given a quiet corner in the house where he can be alone.

Remarks: The unusual nature of this disease is - the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it.

OUR PALATINE HERITAGE (continued from previous Ohio Chapter Newsletter - documentary concerning early Palatine settlements in New York State)

"It was a beautiful autumn day when the vessels anchored at their destination. Then, as now, the river banks and mountain sides must have been gorgeous with such hues as these immigrants had never seen before. The maple, and the sumach, and the Virginia creeper, the expanses of golden rod and purple aster, would seem to them, as indeed they were, remnants of Paradise untouched by sin. On the mountain slopes and hillsides ten thousand bushes burned as with fire, yet were not consumed; and out of every one God seemed to speak of deliverance. With such thoughts in their hearts, with such beauty round about them, and with the warm sun looking lovingly down from the blue deeps above, what happiness might they not expect in their new home!

"With grateful hearts they disembarked, and lay themselves down to sleep under such shelter as they could improvise from the bushes roundabout, or from the tents and blankets from the ships.

"What was their surprise in the morning to find the ground covered with snow, and their little ones suffering from wet and cold. However, after the sun arose the snow disappeared, and they addressed to work, as men who had their future before them. The neighborhoods where they landed are still known as 'East Camp' and 'West Camp', though the people were soon located in villages, each under its superintendent or captain.

"On the east shore were Queensbury, Annsbury, Haysbury, and Hunterstown, and on the west were Georgetown, Elizabethtown Point, and Newtown (West Camp). Perhaps, after the death of Queen Anne, Queensbury became Kingsbury, and Annsbury, Hunterstown.

"What struggles these men had for life. The project of making tar failed. Many of them preferred the tender mercies of the Indians to those of the English, and cutting a road for their wives and children through the underbrush from Schenectady, went to Scholarie, in spite of the authorities.

"Dominie Kocherthal remained in New York until the end of May, 1711, and, then, when the last of the refugees were leaving that city, came to the 'upper colonies' as he calls them, on the Hudson. He made his home at Newtown and thus became the founder of the church at West Camp. The first recorded service at West Camp took place on June 3, 1711, Kocherthal was the pastor of the German Lutherans, however, not only at West Camp, but also at East Camp, where, November 15, 1716, he united in marriage John Frederick Haeger, 'hochdeutscher prediger in Kingsbert' with Anna Maria Rohrbachin.

"He made official visits and administered the rites of the Church also at Schoharie as well as at Rhynek (Rhinebeck) and Papepsie (Poughkeepsie). Thus, his pastorate was a wide one. He died December 27, 1719, at fifty years of age, as he was about to make another journey to England, perhaps to try to secure the five hundred acres of land which had at first been granted him at Newburgh.

"Five years after his death the rites of the Church were again administered at Newtown (West Camp) by Daniel Falckner of New Jersey, who writes himself down as 'Pastor at Millstone and in the mountains near the Raritan'."(?)

A brown stone marks the resting place of Kocherthal. This tablet was given by his three daughters and is currently imbedded in the narthax wall of the present church building, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Camp, New York, organized in the year 1710 by a portion of the German Palatines.

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OHIO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

The executive council of Ohio Chapter met September 3rd to finalize plans for the Fall Conference, October 24th. The audit committee reported that all funds were accounted for and properly recorded. The membership registrar reported current membership of 124. These persons will be eligible for a 25 % discount on the registration fee for the Fall meeting.

The president was authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Capital University for the use of a room in Renner Hall as Ohio Chapter headquarters. After the meeting adjourned, council members visited Renner Hall to choose the most suitable room of those offered. Room 339 was unanimously selected. Occupancy will be available by October 1.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

The Indiana Chapter will hold their Fall meeting on Saturday, October 17, in the

Lockerbie Square United Methodist Church, East and New York Streets, Indianapolis, from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.. Speakers are: June B. Barekman of Chicago, "Lost in the Woods through Careless Research"; Dr. Arta Johnson of Columbus, "The Origin of German Surnames"; Mary L. Medlicott, librarian, "The Franklin College Library as a Source for Genealogical Research".

Reservations at \$8.50 per person (includes lunch, should be sent by Oct. 12 to Mrs. Ruth Shelley, 4825 Stratford Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201. Late reservations will be charged an additional \$1.00.

The Pennsylvania Chapter Fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. Anyone interested in attending this meeting may obtain additional information by writing to Clyde L. Groff, Pres., Penna. Chapter Pal-Am, 713 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603.

OHIO CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS
ESTABLISHED

After October 1st, Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America will have a headquarters in Room 339 of Renner Hall, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. The Hall is located at the corner of Main St. and College Ave. The COTA bus going east stops in front of the building; going west the stop is directly across the street. A traffic light there aids a safe crossing. Parking is allowed on the street until 4 p.m.

The room is a corner room with good lighting and ventilation from windows on two walls. Built-in cupboards and drawers will furnish storage space for records and any genealogical data, books and magazines which members wish to donate. Loan or donation of a typewriter would be appreciated. A telephone will be installed, a post office box secured, and a schedule of hours when the room will be open will be arranged.

Volunteers to staff the headquarters will be needed. Any member who is able to donate a few hours weekly or monthly is urged to call President Harold Betsch, 274-5007, or write to him at 603 Salisbury Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227.

NEW PHILADELPHIA
WORKSHOP

On August 15 a mini-workshop was held in New Philadelphia, hosted by the Tuscarawas County Genealogical Society, Mrs. Violet Massarelli, president. Palatine member participants and guests from Tuscarawas and surrounding counties Wayne, Stark, and Holmes, totaled about 50. Ohio Chapter members conducting the program were: Nova Weller, Dr. Geart Droege, Ernest Thode, and Robert Rudy. Paul Smith of Beach City coordinated arrangements and assisted with publicity. The host society provided coffee and rolls before the meeting and a pot-luck luncheon.

Interest in the mini-workshops continue to grow. Crawford County has scheduled

one in Bucyrus on September 17, Darke County will be sponsoring one in Greenville on September 26. In October, Highland County will hold a workshop in Hillsboro, and Fairfield County has indicated an interest to include a workshop in their 1982 programming.

Any member or group wishing to make arrangements for a workshop in their area should write to Mrs. Nova Weller, 1325 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43212. Topics and leaders available are reported in the article on page 2. The host group must furnish expense for meals, mileage for leaders, and cost of xeroxed handouts.

NEWSLETTER NAME SUGGESTIONS

We have received the following suggestions for a name for our newsletter:

Ohio Palatine Heritage
Ohio Pal-Am Heritage
Ohio Chapter Chatter
The Palatine Heritage News
Palatine American Heritage
Ohio Chapter Clarion
Palatine Heritage
Ohio Chapter Outlook
The Palatine American Heritage News
Ohio Chapter Dutchman
Pal-Am Heritage News

Please help us decide!!! Isn't it worth a few minutes of your time plus a 12 ¢ postcard to have a part in choosing a name, and in making your chapter newsletter what you want it to be by offering suggestions for a name yourself; or by voting for one of the above. Send your card to: Betty S. Bernard, Newsletter Editor, 1672 Barrington Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221.

QUERY.....QUERY.....

Seeking info birthplace & parents Frederick Agler who came to Columbus area in 1799 reportedly from Lancaster, Penna. L.D. Agler, 2000 West Third Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

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9. Slides of the Palatine Tour of Europe
Dr. Delbert Gratz was tour leader for the 1978 Palatines tour of Europe. Slides and comments by Bob and Lois Rudy. Teachers: Bob and Lois Rudy; Time: 1/2 to 1 hour.
10. Researching Germany by Mail
Learn how Ernie does it. An expert in the German language. Author of "Address Book for Germanic Genealogy". Will bring his books and maps to sell. Teacher: Ernest Thode; Time: 1 hour.
11. Researching German Records in the United States
Includes methods of finding places of origin, obtaining German records, paleography, and archives. Teacher: Victor Thomas; Time: 1 hour.
12. Beginning Genealogy
Course includes where to start, how to find information, how to fill our generation charts and family group sheets. Also how to use census records and how to organize your material. A beginners kit (20 pages and 5 3x5 cards) costs \$2.00. Teacher: Nova Weller; Time: 1 to 8 hours.
13. Tracing German Ancestors in the United States
Course includes migration patterns, where to find emigrant records, German societies and their journals, libraries, bookstores, and private collections. Church archival records, German mercenaries, and books for German research also covered. Handout: 5 pages. Teacher: Nova Weller; Time: 1 to 4 hours.
14. Stump the Experts
A panel of experts (anyone 50 miles from home) will bring their reference books, brains, experience, and intestinal fortitude to help answer your questions. Panel: Any 3 of above listed teachers. Make your preference known. Time: Limited to your time and questions.

CALICO GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES GUIDE - The Columbus Area Library and Information Council has available a Genealogical Resource Guide covering specific genealogical resources of 22 member libraries. The Guide includes the following:

Library Profiles	Local Resource Profile
Ohio County Holdings	Bible Records
General Ohio Resources	Cemetery Inscriptions
Birth Records	Church Records
Census Records	City Directories
Court Records	Personal Papers
Death Records	Plat Books
Marriage Records	Special "In-House" Files
Military Records	Local Family Histories
School Records	Out-of-State and Foreign Services
Tax Records	States Represented
Periodical Profile	Nationalities Represented
Local Newspaper Holdings	Peerage Sources
Genealogical Periodicals	Passenger Lists
County Histories	

This guide is available for \$5.00 including postage from CALICO, 7625 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43085. Checks must accompany order and should be made out to: CALICO Genealogical Resources Guide. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

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

- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. SOCIAL HOUR (free hot coffee)
REGISTRATION -- Display of genealogical books, etc.
- 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS - President, Harold A. Betsch,
Ohio Chapter - Presentation of book to O.H.S. Library
- Business Meeting
- 9:30 - 12:00 noon MORNING SESSION - Milton Rubincam, FASG, Speaker -
Question Period
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. NOON BREAK - Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION - Bernd Gros, Speaker
- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. THREE GROUP SESSIONS - led by Nova Weller, Ferne Lubbers,
Dr. Geart Droege

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE OCTOBER 17, 1981

Advance Reservation Form -- Mail to: Mrs. Russell Hall, 181 Heischman Avenue,
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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

(Registration after October 17 and at the door October 24, 1981:
Members--\$7.50; Non-Members--\$10.00)

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 June 1, 1981 to May 31, 1982

_____ Individual Membership (\$3.00)

_____ Family Membership (\$5.00)

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