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LETTER FROM OHIO CHAPTER PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make the national convention held in Columbus on June 25 and 26 a great success. A special acknowledgement should go to Chairmen Robert Rudy and Dr. Richard Wilson. Many Ohio Chapter members contributed significantly, and we are most appreciative of those efforts. The success of the national convention started our year's activities on a positive note. Speaking on behalf of your newly elected officers and Executive Council, we look forward to a most productive year.

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America will be only as effective as the membership dictates. The support and guidance of the membership is needed, and we appreciate the opportunity for growth in our organization. Please direct your questions, recommendations, etc. to me at the address below:

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Ohio Chapter Executive Council will meet September 8, 1982, at the headquarters room. Council members second President Manser's above request for any suggestions or ideas about services the Chapter might offer members. Please send your communications to the Chapter address prior to that date.

PROFILES -- OUR NEW OFFICERS

On page two is a nice portrait of our new officers for 1982 - 83. The following capsule profiles will serve to acquaint you with who they are and give you some interesting background material on each one.

George R. Manser, President

George's home state is Minnesota, where he graduated from High School in Minneapolis, and from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. In 1975 he added a Masters degree in Business Administration from Capital University here in Columbus.

George and his wife, Jeanne, are the parents of four children.

At the present time, George is Chairman and Director of Asset Data Systems, Inc.; President and Director of the Brookings International Life Insurance Company and North American National Corporation. He is also Director of several other companies, etc. You can also find his name listed in Who's Who in Business and Finance; in the Midwest; and in the World.

Jean Hall, Vice-President

Jean and her husband, Russell, live in Worthington, Ohio. They are the parents of three sons.

Jean was graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Physical Education, and has a Master's degree from the Ohio State University in Education Guidance Counseling.



Officers - Ohio Chapter Palatines to America [left to right] - Ann Pearsall, Treas., George R. Manser, Pres., Jean Hall, Vice-Pres., Ruth S. Hostetler, Secy.

At present, she is a substitute teacher in the Westerville School System.

Jean has been interested in genealogy research for some time and is a member of several Ohio and Franklin County societies as well as the Maryland Genealogical Society and the Carroll Co. (Maryland) Historical Society.

Ann Pearsall, Treasurer

Ann is a graduate in Nursing from The Ohio State University and is presently employed at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Can you believe that with four daughters ages five to ten-year old twins she can find time for work as well as knitting, sewing, ceramics, bowling, and last but not least, genealogy!

She belongs to Ancestral Trails Historical Society of Kentucky and the Ohio

Genealogical Society, and in her continuing involvement with genealogy presently corresponds with nearly 100 people! In the future she plans a trip to Germany to continue her search for her husband's and her own German lines.

Ruth Shelly Hostetler, Secretary

Ruth lives in Granville, Ohio, where she is actively involved with her family's farm equipment, hardware and lumber milling business.

She attended Western Reserve University, Kent State University (B.Sc. in Ed.), with advanced studies at Ohio State. She has 21 plus years teaching to her credit.

Ruth and her husband are the parents of two sons. She is a member of several service organizations and four different genealogical and historical societies.

OUR GERMAN HERITAGE

Talk by Katherine Cotner at National Meeting June 25, 1982

The history of the city of Columbus and Franklin County is directly affected by the fact that one-third of the population was German. The same ratio holds in their descendants.

Columbus is divided by the Scioto River. The part on the west side of the river was known as Franklinton. A young German-speaking man born in the colonies came to Franklinton and said to a saloon keeper, "If you will teach me to speak English I will do any kind of work you ask me to do." This man built the first Inn in Franklinton, and had the first ferry across the Scioto River. He was elected to the State Legislature, and as the Honorable Joseph Foss, suggested the name Columbus for the city.

If you have forgotten what a saloon was - we have them today, only they are called Bars and/or Lounges. The Anti-Saloon League had National Headquarters in nearby Westerville.

When the first lots east of the Scioto River were sold in 1812, Christian Hyel, who had been a baker's apprentice for seven years, bought several of them. His brother, a carpenter, and a friend built a room for the bakery; one for entertainment, and one for food service. In 1813 Larenze Hyel, father of this family, had Reverend Michael Steck, Lancaster, Ohio, conduct Lutheran services in his home.

The same year a mister Baughman helped establish a large Lutheran Church near his home at Gahanna. Another denomination is now at site. The Peace Cemetery is maintained yet today. German was the language used exclusively until 1840. The first Lutheran immigrants came from the Palatine Section and for years all Lutheran pastors were also from the Palatine Section.

At that time, 1814, postage was .50 cents on letters to or from Lancaster. If we continue buying land at \$27,000 per acre for recreation for high postal executives, we may be paying that or more by the next raise in postage.

Not all Germans liked the rules of the Lutheran Church, so they formed an Independent Protestant Church where women could vote, St. John's Evangelical Church. Lutherans refused to accept those belonging to secret organizations.

In 1845, two Lutheran Churches, First English at Main and 22nd Streets, and Trinity Lutheran on South Third Street were both being used. In 1882, the Missouri Lutheran Synod formed Zion Congregation, which now is located on South High Street at Columbus Street.

In 1838 Simon Lazarus, who had studied to be a Rabbi, a German Jewish man, opened a clothing store. Beth Jacob Synagogue was composed of Jews emigrated from Germany to South Russia and then to America in 1890.

Livingston Avenue Methodist Church, now located at Livingston Avenue and Fourth St., has a flood light that throws a picture of Christ, at night, on the west end of its building (beautiful when traveling east on I-70).

Holy Cross, a Roman Catholic Church, was established in 1853; until 1877 all of their priests were German born. In 1865, Father Francis Specht directed the building of a school on South Third Street, which is still located there.

In less than a century, thirty-eight newspapers were published in Columbus. Copies may be found at the Ohio Historical Society, except for years 1920 - 1934. There were

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no public schools until 1847 - public education was in private homes.

By 1850, nine schools were established by churches. Night schools were important for those who had to work with English-speaking workers.

In 1838, a kindergarten was opened by Carolyn Frankenberger, a pupil of Froebel. She soon returned to Germany. In 1858 the first permanent kindergarten started.

In 1852 Lewis Hyel, son of Christian, opened Esther Institute, named for his wife, the principal teacher. In 1853, the first German Public School opened, eventually followed by others.

Capital University, headed by Wilhelm Schmidt, opened in Columbus in 1831. Division of Seminary dates from 1842-43, when the Ohio Legislature chartered Germania College for the purpose of preparing teachers for the schools and students for the Seminary, located at Goodale and High Street in 1853.

By 1870, enrollment in German schools was high. Students were required to learn adequate English well enough to adjust to conversation with English-speaking people before completing the 5th grade.

The Augsburg Press started as the Lutheran Book Concern.

On July 4th, Revolutionary Patriots marched down the street. The Germans got their instruments and played merry tunes while others sang. Thus started our fun on July 4th -- a day of rejoicing. German immigrants to Columbus settled in South Columbus on a tract annexed in 1814-1850 all of the 5th Ward and one-half of the 4th Ward.

German druggists were believed to guarantee reliability because the pharmacists were required to study chemistry.

In 1852, one half the residences built in Columbus were in the German area. It was 1855 before a German married a non-German.

Columbus has more active singing societies than any other city in the United States:

The Männerchor

The Damenchor

Kinder Jugend

Germania Singing and Sports Society

Harmony Glee Club-mixed chorus

Helvetian - Swiss chorus - with their own hall

Sachsenchor - 12-15 years old - these people are refugees who were driven out of Germany, went to Romania and built seven villages. They speak a very perfect German. I have visited them on South Front Street.

A one-time neighbor, Fritz Saenger, was active in the German singing groups such as the Männerchor.

I hope that those who read this will come to visit our German-oriented City and Village.

[Thanks to Katherine for permission to print this article in Palatine Heritage, Ed.]

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LOST PERIODICAL.... A periodical has been lost from the Chapter Library: FAMILIENKUND-
LICHE NACHRICHTEN, December 1981. It was missing after the Spring
meeting, April 20, 1982. If anyone has any news of this, call the
Editor at 614-488-3700.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1982-83 DUES?

We have received notice from George Munsch that he has encountered some confusion regarding receipt of membership cards on renewals. He wants all to know that membership cards will not be forwarded unless the member includes a SASE.

Also, he notes that there is a misunderstanding about the new rates as well as when they are effective. The fiscal year is from June 1 through May 31. The new rates were effective June 1 and many renewals are coming in at the old rate, which necessitates billing members for the additional amount.

On page 6 there is a membership blank for new members and renewals. Also note the new membership rates.

ANCESTOR CHART CHAIRMAN SOUGHT

National Chairman, Dr. John A. Fritchey II, is searching for a chairman for the Ancestor Chart Committee now that George C. Munsch has been elected National Registrar. Mr. Munsch reports that 147 charts have been submitted to date in anticipation of Volume III publication in 1983. Receiving these charts and card indexing of the family names on each chart is the responsibility of the committee. Final typing and compilation

for publication is contracted to professionals. The committee is usually made up of members living in the geographical area of the chairman's residence, so that the group can gather in a convenient work space and have the additional pleasure of fellowship, or receive packets of charts to be indexed at home.

If you are interested, please write to Dr. Fritchey, Camp Hill Plaza Apts. 110 May Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

GERMAN GENEALOGY BOOKS OF INTEREST

German New River Settlement: Virginia. By Ulysses S. A. Heavener. Genealogical Publ. Co., Baltimore, MD 21202. \$8.50.

Surveys the history of the settlement and identifies the Palatine pioneers of Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties, with chapters on baptisms and marriages.

The Book of Names. Especially Relating to the Early Palatines and the First Settlers of the Mohawk Valley. By Louis MacWetny. Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD 21202, \$15.00

Some 20,000 names are classified and otherwise arranged to enable the researcher to identify the Palatine settlers of the Mohawk Valley of New York State.

ORDER FORM

Volume II, Ancestor Charts has been published in one complete surname alphabetical listing (A - Z). It may now be ordered at a cost of \$10.00 to Pal-Am members, and \$15.00 to non-members, postage prepaid.

The publication contains approximately 6,200 surnames and 14,000 first names which were abstracted and indexed from Ancestor Charts submitted by 425 Pal-Am members.

Please send Volume II to:

Name _____ Member No. _____

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Send this order form to: George C. Munsch, P.O. Box 21112
Columbus, Ohio 43221

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June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983

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