

# Palatine Heritage

NEWSLETTER of the  
Ohio Chapter  
PALATINES TO AMERICA

Save October 8

Issued June 1983

Columbus, Ohio U. S. A.

Volume VII Number 1

## FISCAL 1983-1984 OFFICERS ELECTED



Left to right: Ruth Hostetler; Jean Hall; Roy Wenger; Geart B. Droege; Fred Schneider.

At our Ohio Chapter Spring conference, officers, unanimously elected by the members, were:

- President-----Roy WENGER of Kent, Ohio
- Vice-President-Dr.Geart B.DROEGE of Cos.
- Vice-President-Fred L.SCHNEIDER of Marysville
- Secretary-----Ruth HOSTETLER of Granville
- Treasurer-----Jean HALL of Columbus, Ohio

\*\*\*

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO BE IN COLUMBUS !

A year ago, the National Executive Council Palatines To America, asked us to determine the site feasibility here. Rooms (No. 339) presently occupied by the Ohio Chapter in Renner Hall at Capital University in Columbus will be shared with National until expansion there is needed.

OHIO was selected by reason of its central location among Palatine Chapters, its high percentage of German descendants, and also because our National society had its inception here in July 1975. Choice of the Capital University location is a natural. This Lutheran College has been our friend, has

a strong interest in our genealogical pursuits, and has generously made the space available at no cost to us.

It is always a pleasure to stop at our Pal-Am "campus" library and also admire the fine student population--maybe even pretend that we feel as young as they do. We are surely grateful for the support and assistance given to us by Capital's President Harvey A. STEGEMOELLER and his staff.

\*\*\*

## COMMENTS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Roy E. WENGER said, at the meeting of our Executive Council, "I look forward to an exciting year for Palatines To America's Ohio Chapter. A group of seasoned, productive genealogists head the offices, committees, and councils of Pal-Am. I hope to do all I can to support them and to promote their work.

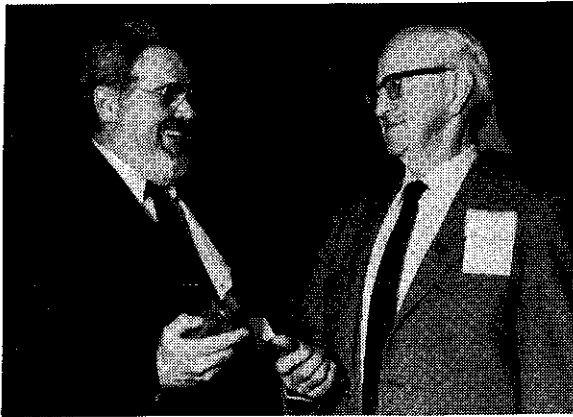
My own efforts in family history center in Wayne County, Ohio, around the towns of Wooster, Orrville, and Smithville. That is where immigrant Frederick WENGER (on the ship ELBE) came to from his home in Brudlingen, Baselland, Switzerland. Four years later, Christian MILLER came from Belfort, France (near Switzerland) with a daughter, Magdalena, to Wayne Co., Ohio. Magdalena (MILLER) m. Frederick WENGER, bought a good \$4-an-acre farm, and raised 13 children.

In 1860, Benjamin GERIG came from Pfastatt, about 3 kms. NW of Mulhouse, Alsace, now France. He soon married a girl with a farm, Lydia SCHROCK, raised 10 children, and made good Swiss cheese. My studies are focused upon the families of WENGER, MILLER, GERIG, and SCHROCK.

On May 5, 1983, I was in West Germany at Landau, in the south Pfaltz (Palatinate)  
(cont'd. page 2)

Plan ahead OCT. 8

attending a dinner in commemoration of the 300th year of the first emigration from there to Pennsylvania. The Bürgermeister of Landau displayed a sheet of the new West German stamps, just out that day, commemorating the voyage of the ship CONCORD, 1683-its passengers settling in Germantown, Pa. . ON THE SAME DAY, an identical stamp was issued in the U.S.A.



George MANSER hands gavel to Pres. Roy WENGER

"It's a good year for persons of German-speaking background to search further for their roots. The yen to know more of "where did I come from?" can more easily be satisfied by working in concert with those on both sides of the Atlantic. To aid in this effort is one of the principal objectives of our PALATINES TO AMERICA membership."

\*\*\*

SPRING CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS !!

The Ohio Chapter of Pal-Am had its largest conference attendance to date. An even 200 participants heard the keynote speaker, Herr Friedrich R. WOLLMERSHAEUSER of W. Germany, discuss many genealogical items of mutual interest. There were many suggestions and methods of "how-to" when writing to or visiting in West Germany. He also used slides to illustrate the locations and life-styles of our ancestors at the time of their early emigration. There were opportunities for questions and answers. It is hoped that the "Palatine Immigrant" may feature Herr Wollmershaeuser's remarks. He was a delightful gentleman, and we hope he may visit here again one day in the near future.

This conference filled the sanctuary of the North Congregational Church on Henderson Rd., Columbus, Ohio. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. James DIETZ, who so graciously made their facilities available to us-- and to past Pres. George MANSER, who arranged it.

Several other highlights were: the registration/membership set-up and the coffee and delicious doughnut "holes" on the site. Accolades to Jean HALL, Mary MOSS, Hazel MARX, Florence BECK, and Lois RUDY; the "Pinpoint Your Ancestors' Home" map of Germany let you place your numbered flag pin so that others there could know of your search-locations--then, at the breaks, members buzzed around this big map, and many cross-contacts were made on the spot and later. We'll probably repeat this event at future meetings-- thanks to Jean Hall for her follow-up lists; Door-prize drawing awards were made by Ernie Thode; Booksellers were kept busy during the breaks; Although there were a number of eating spots within walking distance to choose from, a majority took advantage of "SCHMIDT'S SAUSAGE HAUS UND RESTAURANT", a suburban outlet of the original one of Columbus' German Village fame. We had the best of all the "wursts" mit sauerkraut und beer or whatever. And who would ever think you would find a "Bahama Mamma" sausage to be a delectable, culinary delight in a German restaurant?

It was a fun experience and good fellowship for all. Program Committee Chairman Ernest THODE worked hard to make the conference the success it was.

\*\*\*  
**OCTOBER 8**

This is the magic date. Mark your calendars NOW. Get ready to attend our OHIO CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE on Saturday, Oct. 8, 1983. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the OAK GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH, located (you'll recognize this name) on SMUCKER RD., near Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio--about 7 miles NE of Wooster, OH. There are motels nearby.

There may be football games, baseball games, and turning leaves, but you'll want to make this conference your top priority. Details in our next issue!!!

\*\*\*

300 YEARS GERMAN-AMERICAN TRICENTENNIAL

We hope that you had or will have an opportunity to take part in some "early emigration" celebration of the events scheduled during this year. (1683-1983)

\*\*\*

DUES NEWS--Fiscal 1983-84 due now! \$10 indiv.; \$12 fam.; to Pal-Am P.O.Box 21112, Columbus, OH 43221.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE OHIO CHAPTER OF PALATINES TO AMERICA--"WILLKOMMEN"

|                            |                                   |                                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jane M. ANGENE             | Peggy S. GARDNER                  | Rachel RAINEY                        |
| Keith D. ASHLEY            | Mrs. Barbara KLINGELSMITH-GEISERT | W. E. RINGER                         |
| Emma E. ASHLEY (f)         | Dick GENSEMER                     | David A. RISH                        |
| John W. & Dorothy BASH (f) | Ardyce HARRISON                   | John D. RUGG                         |
| Emma BERG                  | Joyce Sheckler HEISS              | William E. SEACHRIST                 |
| James BERRY                | Mrs. Betty M. HERON               | Mrs. Wm. E. SEACHRIST (f)            |
| Mrs. Roland F. BLESSING    | Helene-Anne HILKER                | Mrs. Ruth K. SLAUGHTER (life member) |
| Ruth Hessenauer BLUMER     | William E. HOSTERMAN              | Helen STAGER                         |
| Mrs. Frank H. BOYCE        | Rod O. HINEMAN                    | Dr. Harvey A. STEGEMOELLER           |
| J. Wesley BRYANT           | Mrs. Charles W. HUNSICKER         | Paul C. STIMMEL                      |
| Edward W. D. BUNKE         | A. Gordon IMHOFF                  | David R. TUTTLE                      |
| Mrs. Betty CHLYSTA         | Betty H. IMHOFF                   | Walter H. WALLEY                     |
| Mrs. Harvey CONOVER        | E. Jane JOBES                     | Lawrence R. WEBER                    |
| Vaughn H. COVER            | Elgin P. KINTER, M.D.             | Margaret F. WEBER (f)                |
| Robert A. CUNNING          | Mrs. Cary Belle LATIMER           | Mrs. Ruth E. WEBER                   |
| Frederick CUPP             | Maurice A. LENZ                   | Dorothy H. WIG                       |
| Michael CUPP               | J. Harvey LITTREL                 | James Lee WIGNALL                    |
| Millard R. CURTIS          | Manley W. MALLETT                 | Mrs. Lois N. WITTE                   |
| Kathryn DONOHOE            | Barbara A. MCKENZIE               | Mason T. WOOD                        |
| Mrs. John EITEL            | Mari Margaret McLEAN              | Nellie Teaford WOOD (f)              |
| Mrs. William R. FINNEY     | Robert R. MELLER, D.D.S.          | Maxine YOST                          |
| Richard B. FISHER          | Neva A. MILLER                    | Rita M. ZIMMER                       |
| Marilyn E. FISHER (f)      | Mrs. Arlyn NEISWANDER             |                                      |
| Nancy B. FOSTER            |                                   |                                      |

(f) = family membership

It's a pleasure to know that the expanding interest in PAL-AM will benefit everyone.

\*\*\*

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH? LESEN SIE DEUTSCH?

See Vol. VI, No. 3, page 2 and Vol. VI, page 2 for more words that may help you to read documents, letters, or tombstones.

ausser Dienst =retired, formerly employed  
Bürgerregister=citizen register  
Eheleute =married couple  
Einwilligung =permission  
Familienregister=family register  
Findling =orphan  
Frau =wife, woman  
Gebühren =fee  
Geburten =births  
Grosseltern =grandparents  
katholisch =catholic  
Krankheit =disease

Ja, das ist alles! Yes, that's all.

\*\*\*

GROFF BOOK, VOL. I, BY GROFF

Many researchers have contributed to GROFF/GROVE/GRAF/GRAFF/GRAEFF/GROVES/GROFT/GRAFT/GRAFFT. Editors: Clyde L. GROFF & Walter B. GROFF. Write to: History Associates, 151 Cherry Hill Rd., Ronks, Pa. 17572. Prepublication price \$18.00; later-\$22.50.

\*\*\*

GERMAN-SPEAKING EUROPEAN MAPS?? Send SASE for list-R.R.7, Box 306, Kern Rd, Marietta, OH.

\*\*\*

APRIL 23, 1983 - CONFERENCE.

Herr Friedrich WOLLMERSHAEUSER makes a point, as he explains some tips for getting answers to letters to West Germany. He spoke on "When You Write to Germany".



(left) Dr. GOLDEN, editor, "The PALATINE IMMIGRANT", with speaker Herr WOLLMERSHAEUSER.

\*\*\*

On April 6, 1983, Pal-Am National Officers attended an organizational meeting for the new West Virginia Chapter.

\*\*\*

THANK YOU, SIR!

Member John A. LEININGER of Waverly, Ohio has shared with us his experiences in receiving various solicitations to buy a so-called genealogical book about "his" family surname in America. CAVEAT EMPTOR! Don't be taken in by the computer-generated duplicates, with your surname inserted now and then. Most of the book is standard stuff. Your editor has had the same experience for the last ten or twelve years. Check it out!!

\*\*\*

LIBRARY DONATIONS (room 339, Renner Hall  
Capital Univ., Cols., OH)  
 "DUNKELBERGER FAMILIE 1600-1982"-M/M Paul TURNER  
 NOVA SCOTIA material donated by the  
 estate of Montford SCHAFFNER (thank you,  
 Dorothy). He was a late V.P. of National  
 and also Pres. of Ohio Chapter 1977-79:  
 1-Joy Moulton's Cols.OH Dispatch columns  
 on genealogy 1977-79.  
 2-Royal Nova Scotia Newsletter Nos. 1 thru  
 27 Feb., 1972--Winter 1979--bound.  
 3-Tri-State Trader Gen.Columns;1977 to 1981  
 4-Genealogical Helper-bound-1977-1983  
 5-Nova Scotia Hist.Soc.Qtrly-1979,1980,1981  
 6-Royal Nova Scotia Hist.Soc.Collections  
 7-Census-Pictou 1818; Nova Scotia 1827  
 8-1976 Report of Nova Scotia Archives  
 9-Western Nova Scotia Unique Hist.Bldgs;V.1  
 10-Gen.Research in Nova Scotia by Punch,'78  
 11-Journal Hist.of Atlantic Region; Acadien-  
 sis 1972, -1982  
 12-Nat'l. Gen.Soc. Library Book List, 1978  
 13-Nat'l. Gen.Soc. Qtrly.;Vol.70,No.4 1982  
 14-Ohio Hist. Soc. Oct. 1957--includes an  
 article, "The Ohio Germans 1840-1875".

"THE HOLSTON TERRITORY GENEALOGICAL SOC."

Their quarterly is the "Holston Pastfinder".  
 A recent new member of PAL-AM is its editor,  
 Ms. Shelby I. Edwards, 414 Wagner St.,  
 Briston, Va. 24201. Thanks to our V.P.  
 Fred L. Schneider for this info and the  
 fact that the quarterly gave our organi-  
 zation a nice plug.

\*\*\*

"PINPOINT YOUR ANCESTORS' HOMES"

More than 127 different towns/villages  
 were "flag-pinned" on the map at our  
 April 23 conference. Each flag was number-  
 ed and cross-indexed to the name of the  
 person present. The large map was supplied  
 by member Ernest Thode. You can write to  
 him for a list of available European maps,  
 etc., see bottom of 1st col., page 3 herein.  
 Not enough can be said about the enthusiasm  
 displayed by Treas. Jean HALL in analyzing  
 the locations of all those flag-pins, ar-  
 ranging all of th se towns/villages in  
 alphabetical order--and typing them!!!

CORRESPONDENCE pertaining to the OHIO Chapter is sent to:  
 Ohio Chapter, Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 106, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394.

"PALATINE HERITAGE" is published 4 times a year by the Ohio Chapter. We are a genealogical  
 society, dedicated to finding origins of German-speaking immigrant ancestors in Europe.  
 Members also receive periodic, informative mailings from the National organization..

|                  |   |                            |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <u>Editor</u>    | <u>Layout and Typography</u>                              | <u>Lists and Mailing</u>   |
| Paul T. Millikin | Irmgard Buckel<br>(NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE---AUGUST 15, 1983) | Lois Rudy and Martha Agler |

OHIO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

|                  |                                     |                  |                  |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>President</u> | <u>Vice-Presidents</u>              | <u>Secretary</u> | <u>Treasurer</u> |
| Roy E. Wenger    | Dr. Geart B. Droege; Fred Schneider | Ruth Hostetler   | Jean B. Hall     |

Membership Registrar (Ohio): Florence W. Beck, 4940 Fuller Dr., Columbus, OH 43214  
 Program Committee Chairman: Ernest Thode

**3 OCT. 83**

OHIO CHAPTER  
 Palatines to America  
 Capital University, Box 106  
 Columbus, OH 43209-2394

Non-Profit Organization  
 U. S. Postage  
 Columbus, OH 43216  
 Permit No. 2223

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED  
 Return Postage Guaranteed

Meeting Announcement !!  
 Please Deliver Promptly

☺ PAUL M.

To: 
 H0036 1131 84  
 JEAN B. HALL  
  
 181 HEISCHMAN AVENUE  
 WORTHINGTON, OH 43085