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FALL CONFERENCE-OCTOBER 8, 1983 (Saturday)

Get ready for SMITHVILLE-SMUCKER RD.-OAK GROVE CHURCH and a day of educational enjoyment, plus good fellowship. Smithville lies in a scenic part of Ohio, only a short distance northeast of Wooster, near major freeways. What could be more inviting than this MENNONITE environment to take you back mentally to your ancestors' days??

It's "ADVANCE Registration" time--you can save 25% by simply acting now and prior to Sept. 30. Please see the special yellow insert for details and the registration form. Keep part of the yellow insert for your location map, times, and lodging details. Members, ACT NOW for the \$6 ticket (it's 33% more after September 30th!)

SOME CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

President WENGER says that a local congregation will prepare a cafeteria-style lunch. Use breaks for book browsing, or if weather is suitable, try the special (mapped) nature trail with over 50 different varieties of interesting trees/plants.



Keynote speakers may include Delbert L. GRATZ, librarian at Bluffton College, OH. Dr. GRATZ, a Professor of History, who has played a major role in making the genealogical world aware of the extensive collections in Bluffton's Mennonite Library. A scholar and recipient of degrees at Bluffton College, Ohio State University, University of Michigan, University Bern in Switzerland, and research grants in Germany and Switzerland, among other things. Delbert GRATZ's credentials are widely

known, being set forth in "Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry". His special interests are Mennonites and Amish in Switzerland, eastern France, southern Germany, and U.S.A.. Languages: English, French, and German. Dr. GRATZ was a PAL-AM tour director in the 1978 Rhineland Tour.

Martin DIESTLER is well known for his lectures on The Social Influence on German Genealogy. By having a better understanding of these forces, we can be more effective in tracking our German ancestors in other times and places. Martin DIESTLER is an attorney from Downer's Grove, Illinois.

Program Chairman Ernest THODE is still negotiating on a special surprise feature for this conference, so there should be plenty for everyone.

"Pinpoint Your Ancestors"--at our Spring Conference you saw the large map of Germany provided by Ernie THODE. You were able to place your numbered flag-pin in it to identify your ancestors' village(s) or area(s)--prior to the start of the meeting. This event sparked a tremendous amount of interest during the breaks. It was possible to locate others at the conference with similar interests or information for you--a very quick and visual form of reference. Just look at the number on a flag-pin and find that number on the list of registrants. You've found a friend! Some registrants followed up with letters and phone calls.

Jean HALL (Mrs. Russell HALL) copied as many pin locations as were still available on the map, and then matched them with the numbered names of registrants. AT THE FALL CONFERENCE you will have another "Pinpoint Your Ancestors" opportunity. Why not decide in advance where to place (cont'd page 2)

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your numbered flag-pin? Register first,
then get your listed pin number and anchor
it early.

In case you are not sure where to spot the
location on the map, you might check Ernest
THODE's maps and book supplies at the con-
ference. Also, Annette BURGERT and others
will have some excellent publications and
books. At previous sessions, the map and
book areas have proven to be very popular.
Here's a chance to look up and perhaps
purchase something you've always wanted.

DON'T FORGET--non-members should be encour-
aged to attend the Fall Conference. Natur-
ally, if they join Pal-Am right now, they
can save another \$2 on the conference fee
by including the annual membership dues
with the conference fee (see p. 4 for dues
amount).

OCTOBER 8 AT SMITHVILLE---SEE YOU THERE!!

"DECIPHERING THE CHURCH RECORDS of GERMANY"

Here's a concise how-to book of 42 pages
for \$7.50. Published in 1983. It appears to
be an easy-to-read, handy reference for the
beginner or advanced searcher concerned
with German ancestry. Main subjects are
divided into: 1) Procurement of Records;
2) Condensed review of German Grammar; 3)
Vocabulary (pertinent); 4) Church Records;
5) German Script. Address: Beverly BOEHL,
3925 Amy, Garland, Texas 75043.

"WHEN YOU WRITE TO GERMANY"

Last April 23, Herr Friedrich WOLLMERS-
HAEUSER gave us a very detailed discourse
on this subject. When and if space per-
mits, we will review the points he made
under these four major headings:

- 1) Write to the right address.
- 2) Avoid unnecessary work and trouble.
- 3) Be critical as to your sources.
- 4) Be polite.

1) above--You must IDENTIFY the ancestor's
German place of origin. Use these books for
help--may be in some genealogical libs..

"Ritters Geographisch-Statistisches Lexi-
kon". 2 vols. by Karl Ritter; published
Leipzig: Wigand-3rd ed. 1845/6 to 9th ed.
1905/06--contains all places worldwide.

"Das Postleitzahl-Verzeichnis der Postleit-
zahlen". (Bonn: Bundesministerium für das
Post- und Fernmeldewesen, 1981.)--Zip Code
directory for both parts of Germany.

(You might want to check with Ernest
THODE, Pal-Am member for Zip Code book).

"Müllers Grosses Deutsches Ortsbuch. Voll-
ständiges Gemeindelexikon". 21st ed. (Wupp-
ertal: Post- und Ortsbuchverlag, 1982/3.
1194 pp-Detailed gazetteer for W. Germany.

"Ortslexikon der Deutschen Demokratischen
Republik, 1974". Heinz Adomeit(ed.) 2nd
ed. (Berlin: Staatsverlag der Deutschen
Demokratischen Republik, 1974). 495 pp.
Gazetteer for E. Germany (DDR).

If the place is in West Germany, there are
various possibilities suggested by Herr
WOLLMERSHAEUSER, some of which will be
enumerated in this issue:

a) Local parish offices (Pfarramt) often
have parish registers, if you are lucky
going back into the sixteenth century.
Priests and their secretaries are not
genealogists and can make mistakes. Many
priests can't read the old handwriting,
have no time to look through big volumes
without indexes, or are already swamped
with inquiries. There are also some parish
registers in state archives (especially
for areas west of the Rhine), and some in
central church archives. Local parish
offices for places whose registers are in
an archive will usually forward inquiries
to the archive.

b) Local civil registration offices have
registers of births, deaths, and marriages
from 1876--some of them from 1798 on--and
issue certificates from these registers.
The place and date of the event to be cer-
tified should be known fairly exactly.

c) Genealogical societies--Say the word,
'letters' to the secretary, president, or
editor of any genealogical society and the
response will likely be a groan or mild
hysterics. (See Arta F. JOHNSON, 'Every-
body has problems', The Palatine Immi-
grant, Summer 1981, pp. 36-39, esp. p. 38.)

Societies are not information offices or
research agencies. They are groups of ge-
nealogists who get together to maintain a
library, share research results and expe-
riences or publish a journal. (to be cont'd)
(next issue.)

LOST AND FOUND - April 23, 1983 MEETING

If you lost a book at this meeting, please contact newsletter editor with details.

BOOK-"GENEALOGIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES"

Indexed with some 20,000 entries, the nearly 1,000 pages excerpt family history articles, up to 1935, from the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. Reissued 1983. \$40 from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 111 Water St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

SOMEONE SAID-----

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing". It is also easy to function just as precariously with the word "assume". Nothing can replace authentic proof in genealogy.

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH? LESEN SIE DEUTSCH?

More words that may help you to read German letters, documents, or tombstones may be found in the 3 previous issues of this Palatine Heritage Newsletter. Note: Nouns are capitalized; verbs are not.

allhier = in this place	von = of
am gleichen Tag=same day	ein = one
Beerdigung = burial	zwei = two
Bub = boy	dri,drey= three
Einwilligung=permission	vier = four
Erbschaft =inheritance	fünf = five
Familienregister=Fam. re-	sechs = six
gister	sieben = seven
Firmung = confirmation	acht = eight
Geburtsbrief=birth cert.	neun = nine
Geschwister = siblings	zehn,
hiesiger Ort= this place	zeyn = ten
Hurenkind= illegitimate	child

Jahreszeit = season	wurde geboren=
Kaufmann = merchant	was born.
Taufe = baptism	

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

CORRECTION

Palatine Heritage, Vol. VII, No. 1, June 1983, erroneously listed Dr. Harvey A. STEGEMOELLER, President of Capital University, as a NEW member. In fact, he has been a member for several years. You may recall that he addressed our National Meeting in 1982. It was held at Capital University. Dr. STEGEMOELLER has had a continuing interest in our affairs and objectives, and we sincerely appreciate it.

"THE PASTFINDER" -- A CLEVER NAME

The Ashland and Richland Counties chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society use this title for their newsletter quarterly.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO PAL-AM

The Ohio Chapter of PALATINES TO AMERICA is most happy to extend a big "WILLKOMMEN" to these new Ohio Chapter members:

JOSEPH E. RINDERKNECHT	LAWRENCE MARKEL
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(thru May 12, 1983)

We hope to see you at the Ohio Chapter Fall Conference on October 8, 1983--see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

JOHANN MICHAEL STAUDT (1712-1776) HONORED

The 250th anniversary of his 1733 immigration is being commemorated by the placement of a metal memorial marker at his gravesite at Bern Church, Berks County, PA.. A yearly reunion is held in the general vicinity by The STAUDT/STOUDT/STOUT Family Association. According to Thomas T. STOUT of the Ohio State University Dept. of Agr. Economics, the 24" X 12" marker is inscribed:

JOHANN MICHAEL STAUDT
1712 - 1776

FIRST GERMAN STAUDT IN AMERICA, DIED MAY 13, AND BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY. SON OF JOHANNES AND MARIA BRITZIUS STAUDT, OF WOLFERSWEILER, RHINELAND-PALATINATE, HE ARRIVED AT PHILADELPHIA ABOARD THE 'PENNSYLVANIA MERCHANT' ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1733. A FARMER AND LAND OWNER AT STAUDT'S FERRY BRIDGE ON THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER, HE AND HIS WIFE, BARBARA, HAD TWELVE CHILDREN. FOUR SONS SERVED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: JOHANNES STAUDT, JACOB STAUDT, MICHAEL STAUDT, AND GEORGE WILHELM STAUDT. GRANDCHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN JOINED IN THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT AS NEW STATES WERE FORMED AFTER THE WAR AND THE STAUDT-STOUDT-STOUT NAME IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN MANY STATES.

(Placed by the Staudt-Stoudt-Stout Descendents Sept. 29, 1983, 250th Anniversary.)

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Some German origins of these STAUDTs are documented by author Annette K. BURGERT (an Ohio Pal-Am member) on pp. 31-34 of her 1983 publication for this Pfalz area of Germany. There are many STAUDT descendents in Ohio today. By 1808, George² (Johann Michael¹) was in Fairfield Co., OH with his family. Benjamin Franklin³ (George², Johann Michael¹) laid out Stoutsville there in Clear Creek Twp.. The STOUTs spilled over quickly into adjacent Pickaway Co. and elsewhere. There is an annual STOUT Reunion basket dinner and white elephant auction held on the last Sunday each July--in western Ohio at Stillwater Beach, Bradford, OH (near Covington, Piqua, Troy).

Johann Michael¹ STAUDT had contemporary immigrant relatives. The GERMAN line has been tracked back to Hans STAUDT (STAUD) (1535-1590), Rossburg, Palatinate to Bavaria (Chur Pfalz)--see "Stout and Allied Families, Vol.

II, 1972", by Herald F. STOUT. Also, a Diebold STAUDT, ca. 1510-1593, lived at Bosenbach, Palatinate.

The ENGLISH line of STOUT can be found in author H.F. STOUT's "Stout and Allied Families Vol. I, 1970". Richard¹ STOUT, 1615-1705 (parents John STOUT and Elisabeth(BEE) m.1609 per Nottinghamshire Parish Records) became a Netherlands' subject here. In 1643 he owned land at Gravesend, near Coney Island in now Brooklyn, N.Y.. Then in 1664 he was in Monmouth, New(East)Jersey--had at least 10 children, whose prolific progeny are chronicled in the 651 pages of Vol.I.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR FISCAL 1983-84

Pal-Am membership dues cover from June 1 1983 to May 31, 1984. Both National and Ohio Chapter fees are included.

\$10.00--"Individual" membership

\$12.00--"Family" membership--two

persons at one address.

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