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SPRING CONFERENCE-APRIL 28, 1984 (Saturday)

Mark your calendar NOW. Judging from the enthusiastic turnout at the past conferences, you won't want to miss this one.

PLACE--CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, East Main St. at College Ave.. This is where our new National Headquarters is located, and where our PAL-AM library is in COLUMBUS (Bexley), Ohio. The National PAL-AM Conference was held on this campus in 1982. You can be sure that there will be lots of opportunities to further your ancestral interests--excellent speakers--the "Pinpoint Your Ancestors" project--good fellowship--browse among the sellers of genealogical books and maps--and more!

Talk with your friends and fellow-members to set aside this important date on Saturday, April 28, 1984. We'll have full details for you in the March issue of this Ohio Chapter Newsletter.

1983 FALL CONFERENCE WAS HUGE SUCCESS

The unique setting near Smithville, Ohio on Smucker Rd. at The Oak Grove Mennonite Church was just right for what followed. The lectures, booksellers, ancestor locators, good food, and comradery lived right up to the advance billing. Ohio Chapter President WENGER obtained excellent interest and cooperation from our Smithville, Ohio hosts, The Mennonite Oak Grove Church. The Pastor and many of the congregation went all out to make us feel very welcome.

We were most fortunate to have the eminent speakers, Dr. Delbert L. GRATZ of Bluffton College(Ohio) and Attorney

Martin DIESTLER of Downer's Grove, Illinois. Their lectures and question/answer periods gave us new insight into our Palatine heritage and ways to solve our genealogical challenges. Program Chairman, Ernest THODE, has consistently provided our Ohio Chapter with outstanding speakers and programs.

There was also lots of activity during the breaks in the area of the genealogical booksellers. Pertinent maps were for sale too. Many had a chance to inspect and acquire sought-after genealogical publications and materials. Some took advantage of the mapped "nature walk", with its over 50 variations trees and flowers. There was no question about the popularity of the coffee and donut "holes" available at time of registration and at breaks.

One of the highlights--a big extra for us--was the "PINPOINT YOUR ANCESTORS" project.



A large Map of West Germany was on the wall. Conference registrants were given numbered flag-pins to stick in the map at ancestors' locations. That made it possible to contact others at the conference with interests in your locality(s), with the possibility of helpful information for you. You'll want to check the location listings in this issue.

"PINPOINT YOUR ANCESTORS" MAP PROJECT

Florence BECK assists Jean HALL who has been making major efforts to extend the usefulness of this project. She has transcribed from the big map the names of almost all of the towns and villages flag-pinned by conference registrants--almost 200 listings have now been organized alphabetically by Jean. Her next step is to match the interest-surnames and the name and address of the registrant. Here's a sample of the town/village listing:

Bad Franken Hausen	Bingen
Bad Herren Alb	Birkenfeld
Baden-Baden	Borken
Basel (near)	Börverden
Basel	Brandau
Bavaria	Breitenworbis
Bazler	Brendenborn
Beerfelden	Bremen
Bindersheim	Brobst
Bendorf	Budingen
Bensheim	Burgalben
Berne, Switz.	Burglemnitz



We hope to make this information available for a modest charge; SEND \$1. plus 54¢ postage. SASE for matched list to Ohio Chapter address. ***

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NEEDED

Due to membership growth and recent relocation, the National Office of PALATINES to AMERICA, located at Capital University, Columbus (Bexley), Ohio needs a qualified person to devote some time weekly to the supervision of and coordination of our National Headquarters operations. This responsibility could be most interesting and productive. It is expected that this individual would be reimbursed for approved expenses. It seems entirely possible that this activity could develop into a regular part-time position with some remuneration.

If you are interested and can help, or if you know of a non-member who may be, please address a personal letter to: Martha Agler, PAL-AM President, Capital University, Box 106, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394

"QUERIES EDITOR" NEEDED FOR NATIONAL

Here's an opportunity to help expedite members' search for their ancestors. The queries will be mailed to your address. You will organize them for insertion in PAL-AM's National "PATTER" newsletter. Write above address. ***

"WHEN YOU WRITE TO GERMANY" (cont'd)

(From page 2 of September, 1983 issue)---
d) ARCHIVES--their main function is to organize their documents and to handle the people who come to look at them. Normally, they answer written queries with information in their possession--only undertake only limited research, which can be expensive--probably turn over your request to a professional researcher. Unless you are very specific as to what you will spend, you could get a bill that would surprise you.

e) PRIVATE LOCAL GENEALOGISTS--are often retired people--can be very helpful--may only ask a refund of expenses or a small fee. Contacts can be obtained from parish offices, regional genealogical societies, and from publications.

f) GOOD PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS--are swamped with requests and are hard to find. A few of them see this kind of work as an easy way to make a quick Deutschmark.

g) FAMILY ARCHIVES--are easier to locate than one-name societies (such as we have in this country. For a list, see Heinz F. FRIEDERICHS, "Familienarchive in öffentlichem und privatem Besitz. Vol. 2, Genealogische Informationen, 6 (Neustadt: Degner, 1977).

h) LIBRARIES--all you can expect to get is a photocopy from a journal or book, IF you give them title and pages numbers.

i) GERMAN GENEALOGICAL ADDRESSES--excellent: Ernest THODE, "Address Book for Germanic Genealogy", 2nd ed. (Marietta, OH., Heritage House, 1979). His address--see p.4. In East Germany (GDR) the only hope is the parish offices. For present day Poland use L.D.S. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2. AVOID UNNECESSARY WORK AND TROUBLE

a) TYPE YOUR LETTERS; b) ASK PRECISE QUESTIONS--do want a name, a date, a place, or all three??; c) DON'T ABBREVIATE--Germans aren't familiar with ours.

d) PROVIDE EVERY SINGLE DETAIL YOU KNOW about your ancestors: exact names, dates expressed day-month-year (as in 26 April, 1776--write out month), exact place names, religious denomination, year of emigration--all other relevant information. (cont'd next page)

- e) ENCLOSE A PHOTOCOPY IF you can't decipher places or names from documents you already have. Don't send originals!
- f) SAY WHEN AND WHERE YOU HAVE WRITTEN-- and with what success (previously).
- g) PUT RETURN ADDRESS AND DATE on EVERY enclosure and letter.
- h) SET MAXIMUM AMOUNT YOU ARE PREPARED to pay for an answer--avoid unpleasant surprises.
- i) ENCLOSE AT LEAST TWO INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS (buy at your P.O.) or one or two dollars cash--no stamps.

This review of Herr Friedrich WOLLMERS-HAEUSER's April, 1983 lecture will be continued in future issues.

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH? LESEN SIE DEUTSCH?

These words may help some to read GERMAN documents, tombstones, or letters. More vocabulary can be found in the 4 previous issues of this newsletter. Note: Nouns are capitalized; verbs are not.

Abend =evening	Knabe =boy
Aufenthaltort	Kreis =district
Brautigam=bridegroom	Kusine =cousin (f)
Enkel =grandson	Küster =sexton
Familie =family	Mann =man
Gatte =husband	Matrikel=register
Gattin =wife	Mutter =mother
gestern =yesterday	Nacht =night
Gewerbe =trade	Nichte =cousin (f)
zu Hause =at home	Platz =place
Hochzeit =wedding	Montag =Monday
Jungfer =virgin	Dienstag=Tuesday
Junge =boy	Mittwoch=Wednesday
Kinder =children	Donnerstag=Thursday
Kirche =church	Freitag =Friday
Samstag =Saturday	Sonntage =Sunday

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

HOLD YOUR HATS !!!!!!!!!!--" FRAKTUR "

\$4,000.00 was the winning bid for an old "Pennsylvania Dutch" baptismal certificate, at the Mike Clum Auction Barn in Thornville, Ohio on Sept. 1, 1983. You might have thought \$100 or \$200, but who would have thought \$4,000??. This item is a form of Pennsylvania German folk culture that flourished from about 1750 to

the 1830's, generally called "FRAKTUR". The baptismal certificate is a "Taufschein". The country parochial schoolteacher was the greatest practitioner of Fraktur. He taught music, poetry, and drawing/art. Pastor Daniel SCHUMACHER (not ordained) made 253 of these certificates during the years 1754 until 1773--about 15% of his baptisms. Many are hand-drawn, hand lettered, illuminated, embellished with birds, flowers, vines, and angels, etc.. They indicate names of parents, sponsors, and the child--dates and places. No wonder they are of great interest to genealogists and others.

You may be the lucky owner of a **TAUFSCHHEIN**. Sometimes they are listed in price books for collectibles. At the auction mentioned, most bidders dropped out very early. Then began the battle between two gentlemen, who purportedly were not related to those named on the certificate. The final \$4,000 bid left the crowd stunned. This Taufschein was dated 1805, concerned the MARCHAND family, was hand done with two large hearts, was in an oak frame with extended corners--there was some minor damage and wear.

Henrich OTTO had the first printed Taufschein made at Ephrata 1784. These forms could be filled in, embellished, and hand painted. Johann Ritter and Comp. of Reading printing forms early. (Your editor has three ancestral Taufscheins on these forms, which were filled in and painted by the pastors--1794, 1797, 1830.) The Free Library of Philadelphia has an huge collection of Frakturs. In 1976, The Pennsylvania German Society published two wonderful volumes on FRAKTUR, with 1021 illustrations, many being in color.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO PAL-AM

The Ohio Chapter extends its "WILCKOMMEN" to these new Ohio Chapter members:

Donald F. BOUGHER	Dolores WENGER family
Donna GERLACH	Esther M. WILHELM
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LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE

SCHALES FAMILY-donor Dr. Otto SCHALES
 PA. Germ.Inscript.Vol.I, by O.H.Stroh.
 donor-Ruth WILSON.

*MILLER FAMILY histories(4 diff. lines)
 *Cornelius JANSEN Fam. History
 *Amish in Switz.&other European Countries
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 (*)authors & donors BettyA.&Oscar MILLER .
 Der Grosse Shell Atlas,Deutschland-Europa
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 1983--donors Lois and Robert RUDY
 GOSHORN Desc.--author/donor Marjorie CARTER.
 BISHOP Gen.--author/donor Rev.K.Jay BISHOP.
 Allemangel Area of Pa., 4 vols.(Berks Co.)
 -donor Warren ZIEGLER.

Our many thanks for the generosity of these
 donors. The Chapter's PALATINES to AMERICA
 Library is located in our room at Capital
 University, Columbus,(Bexley), Ohio 43209.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW APRIL 28, 1984***

More Library Acquisitions:

@The EBY Report, Vol.II, No.1, 1978.
 @New Index 1780 Tax Records,Lancaster Co.,
 before 1790 Fed. Census,byHawbaker&Goff.
 @LAGLE/LAIT Fam.in America, revised 1982.
 @Jacob's Union Church Compendium at Jack-
 sonville, Pa.,1981,by Warren L. Ziegler.
 (@) all donated by Dr. John T. GOLDEN.

THE GENEALOGIST AND THE COMPUTER

November 1, 1983, Grandview Public Library,
 Grandview Heights, OH.(Cols.suburb),Linda
 DUDICK, a member of the Franklin Co.,OH
 Gen. Society, discussed and demonstrated
 ways to increase the efficiency and effec-
 tiveness of genealogy record keeping using
 micro-computers. The library has a computer
 and program. Another program was also dis-
 cussed. Our Kay BARNHAUS said it was great!

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