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OCTOBER 6 MARIETTA CONFERENCE EXCELLENT

The facilities of the Washington Co. (Ohio) Joint Vocational School, just outside of Marietta, provided us with spacious, but contiguous rooms, on one level. The major activities of registration, conference lectures and discussions, a fine luncheon (which was prepared and served by the school), Pinpoint Your Ancestors, and the Booksellers' tables were so convenient. A large attendance of about 125 registrants required additional seating. Everything was efficiently handled. We felt welcome from the beginning to the end. A special thanks to the school's, Mr. BARRETT, for his splendid cooperation and interest. His welcome in *Gaelic* could only be matched by the greeting given by his *German* wife, Friedel.

Member Ernest THODE, our program chairman, deserves a lot of credit. He even arranged to have a "goodie bag" for each person--contained 50 brochures, flyers, pamphlets of genealogical use and interest. The tremendous job of planning, organization, and execution at the conference by members Jean HALL and Florence BECK made registration easy and fast. Phil BELTZ handled the acquisition and sales at the Chapter's booksellers' tables. This is a lot bigger job than most people think, but the appreciation was documented by the large crowds at the booksellers' tables during "breaks".



(Photo credit--Paul M. SMITH)

Those of you who did not make this event missed something really worthwhile. The weather was beautiful--leaves were turning--lots of local events--and our featured speakers captured our attention easily with their wealth of information, slides, and understanding of our objectives.

Details for our next Ohio Conference, in late March or early April, 1985, should reach you five or six weeks prior. The June 10th Anniversary National Conference is in Columbus.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. LOUISE ZIMMER

She put forth a lot of effort for us with all of her work in the acquisition and assembly of the many items in our Marietta Conference genealogical "goodie bag" for those who attended.



Klaus WUST, fondly known as the Mayor of Edenburg, although he has not run for political office, discussed "The Virginia and Maryland Germans". Next to Pennsylvania, Virginia had the most German-speaking people. He traced the migration of German immigrants westward in Pa. and then south into Virginia to a split in Wythe Co., and then into N.C., Tenn., and Ga. Maryland was termed a "transit area". Of special interest was the lack of Germans in the Piedmont area, considering the arrivals at Baltimore and N.Y., as they became more important than Philadelphia. Virginia had few direct immigrants. With the overflow from Philadelphia, due to too few takers of "redemptioners", two streams of Germans came together--direct and transfers--with the resultant mixed families, making research even more difficult.

The "REDEMPTIONERS"--those who sold themselves for a number of years to pay for their passage and expenses-- at least found food, shelter, and clothing, plus an opportunity to learn the language and American farming methods. *It was often a better life than before.* Planters needed labor, but the competition with slaves was too keen in the Piedmont area, so the Germans were scarce there. Look further west in Virginia for your ancestor.

Klaus WUST showed us slides of many "Frakturs" made for Virginia area Germans, discussing motivation behind this highly interesting form of Folk Art. Regional differences were apparent. Questions from the audience indicated the desire for additional knowledge concerning the importance of these Folk Art records in some form of the German language.

The discussed motivations and life styles will be most helpful to those who do or may have ancestors from the area shown on the large map projected on the screen. Of course, the mountainous terrain and the fertile valleys had a lot to do with the migration patterns. Winchester, Va. was a key spot. If you are having difficulty tracking your ancestor, consider these migration paths and the conditions of language barriers, travel, and safety, as well as the indenture period. Did you know that in those early days, in now Germany, they called a "New Wanderer" anyone who went to a foreign country. Later it was applied to those who recruited people to go to foreign shores. *****

IMMEDIATE PAST NAT'L. PRESIDENT MARTHA AGLER

She suggested: When you go to Germany--write down a list of what you want from specific locations if and when you get there. With regard to small villages or out-of-the-way places, you can hire a driver to take you, providing you make arrangements in advance and know specifically what your objectives are. It will not pay you to generalize and "hope" something will turn up. Sometimes you may be better off to show some possibilities and ask the keeper of the records to see if they can be confirmed. You will probably get a quick yes or no answer.

Pastor Paul M. RUFF (whose surname has more variations than you can imagine) talked with us about the background and the motivations of "The Germans of Western Pennsylvania". The depth of information he has about old Westmoreland Co. and contiguous areas is impressive. His dedication to the collection of old church records and translating them is obvious--see his publications. He mentioned that many of the Western Pa. Germans were not 1st generation people--they might have spent 1 to 30 years in Eastern Pa..

Old Westmoreland's Hempfield Twp. is known for at least two settlements. Some important departure points were: Conestoga for Shenandoah, Va.; York for Sommerset Co., Pa.; Hagerstown, Md. for Bedford Co., Pa.

These were people who came from 312 principalities on the old country--were forced to liquidate most or all of their possessions and money (or killed) while making their way down the Rhine or the Danube--only to find more trouble in Holland--and forced to sell themselves for a term of years when they arrived here (to pay for their passage--those that survived the voyage). Prior to 1787, a population dam had been created east of the Alleghany River and northwest of the Ohio River. People moved around between communities. They didn't stay in just their own valley. Churches and pastors were catalysts, both Lutheran and Reformed. The population dam broke quickly after the Revolutionary War, as the Ohio Lands were opened. Old Westmoreland Co. records are ripe for locating ancestors before they burst into the land beyond the Ohio River.

HELP IS ON THE WAY

For *old* Westmoreland County lines. Look for the *Indexed* books I, II, III on Western Pennsylvania German Baptisms and Sponsors. 1788-1806; 1813-1820; and ????. These will pull together records from many church sources, so that you can find a collection from scattered sources in one place--as pointed out by Pastor Paul M. Ruff.

SHIRT-OF-THE-DAY

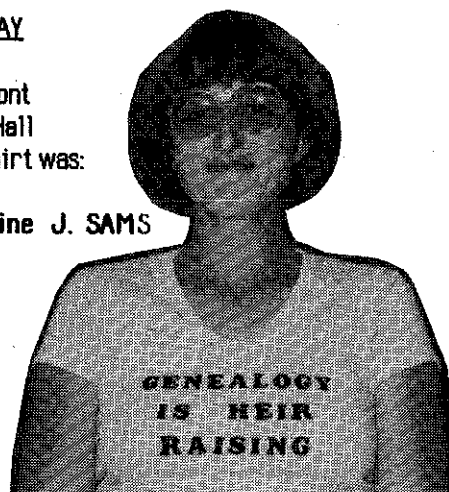
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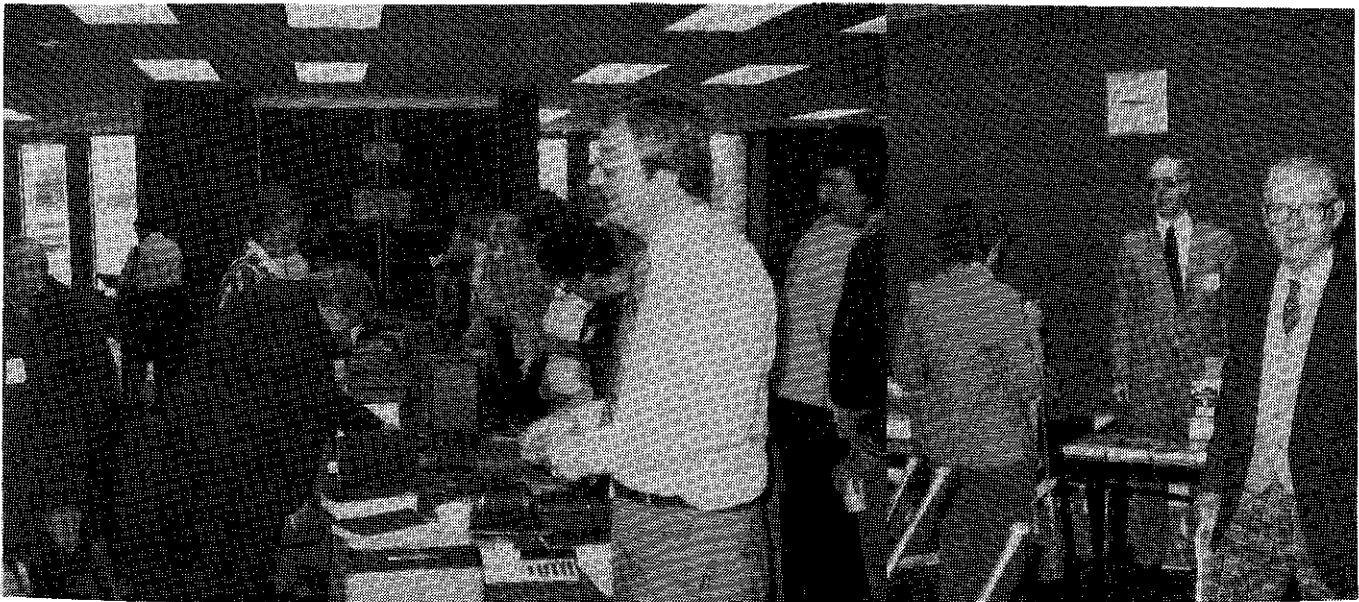
Catherine J. SAMS

of Little Hocking, Ohio (near Belpre on the Ohio River).

Genealogy is fun, even though it can be

"HEIR RAISING"





BOOKSELLERS AND MAPS

Hundreds of books, monographs, old, rare, and new were on display and for sale by various vendors, as well as a wide variety of European detailed maps and German location helps by Mr. Thode (whose address is on the back of the newsletter). The opportunity to view and buy genealogy-oriented books and maps is one of the highlights of our meetings. The publications available from our notable speaker/authors are real pluses. Many of the items presented are not standard holdings in libraries, but they may be just the things that solve one or more of your genealogical problems. Come prepared to take advantage of the opportunity!! Phil BELTZ, (in photo above in white shirt) take a bow for all the dedicated effort you have put into this 1984 project.

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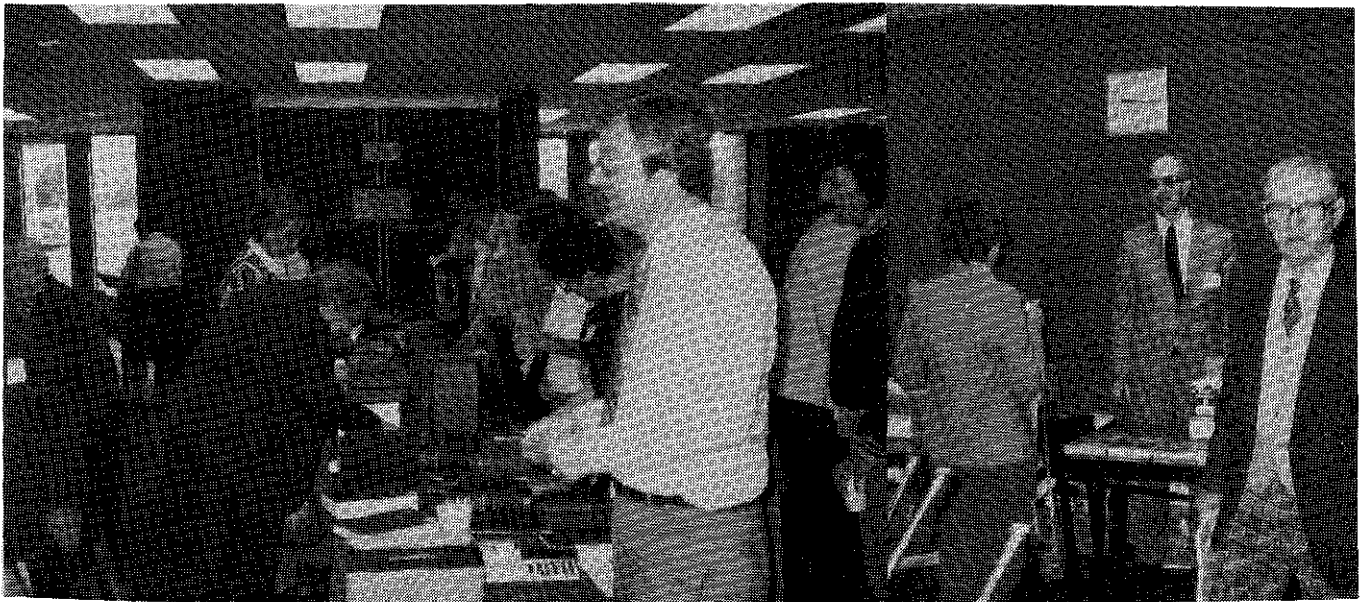
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"The SOURCE", a Guidebook of American Genealogy, edited by Arlene Finkle and John Cerny, 1984, 786 pages; size 8"x10 3/4"; Ancestry Publishing Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$39.95. "The Source will supersede every guide or manual currently in the field. I've never seen anything like it."--P. William FILBY, First Chairman American Library Association Genealogical Committee. *****

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