



# PALATINE HERITAGE

NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

MAY 1986

Columbus, Ohio U.S.A.

VOLUME IX

NUMBER 4

## Fall Meeting! October 11th Dover, Ohio

Ernest Thode, Program Chairman, announces that the next Ohio Chapter meeting is being scheduled for October 11th at the United Methodist Church at Dover, Ohio. This is Moravian country, he says. There are three Moravian churches still in the area. Nearby are the popular tourist attraction villages of Zoar and Schoenbrunn. You may want to stay that evening for the "Lantern Tour Of Schoenbrunn" Dover is easily reached from Interstate 77

\*\*\*\*\*

### Excerpts, President's Report to National

"The Ohio Chapter has held two meetings of the membership this past year. The first was last Fall at Bluffton in the Northwest section of the state. The attendance was very good with about 120 attending. The Annual Conference was held April 12th in Columbus, with about 125 attending. The speakers were excellent and it was a very informative meeting. During the past year an Awards Committee was established to recognize members. A Membership Directory of the Ohio Members is being printed and will be distributed to the 605 members at no charge. Jean Hall is preparing a computerized list of the Name, German City of Origin, and person doing the research. This is a result of the "Map Project" at each meeting. A Library Committee was established during the past year. Phil Beltz is the chairman. Several cash donations have been received and three new bookcases have been installed by Chairman Beltz assisted by yours truly and my son Justin Simons. In addition to the acquisition of new books, the committee is exploring the purchase of a computer to aid in genealogical research.

### MEET YOUR OFFICERS Vice-President Cunningham

Ted W. Cunningham is in his second year of service as Vice-president of the Ohio Chapter. Earlier he had put in several terms on Dr. Helen Wikoff's Nominating Committee.

Mr. Cunningham is currently teaching German and Spanish in the schools at Minster Ohio. He is a native of Rocky River Ohio and studied Romance Languages at *Kent State University* with emphasis on German and Spanish. He continued his studies at *Goettingen* in Northern Germany.

After graduating from Kent, Cunningham lived seven years in Germany and for one and a half of the years he taught at *Helmstadt*. Helmstadt is at a West Germany check point in Lower Saxony. When he returned to Ohio in 1973 he took teaching appointments at Medina and Norwalk before settling on Minster. He makes his home at Bluffton.

V.P. Cunningham regularly travels to Germany and Switzerland in the summer. His mother's families Ewald/Ewait and Bonnet (possibly Huguenot) are of Bernese descent and he would appreciate it if any of us with clues to these families will remember to contact him. They came, he says, to Mt. Vernon Ohio from Bedford County Pennsylvania.

Ted in turn offers to do some footwork for members on a limited basis, in The Palatinate or Switzerland during his summer traveling, provided he is supplied with specific details and the request is merely for an answer to a particular question

\*\*\*\*\*

Several members in the Columbus area have asked about rides to the National Convention at Morgantown on June 19th to 21st. If you have room in your car for another person, please contact the National office as soon as possible. The telephone number is 236-8281. Our new lady, there, Mrs. Butler, will answer until 12:30, Mondays through Fridays.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Dorothy Limbach Reports.

WE asked our new Secretary to write a thumbnail sketch of her experience at the April 12th Ohio Chapter Meeting. Here 'tis.(The Editor)

"Saturday April 12th the weather was gorgeous, a lovely sunny day for the trip to Columbus 'Capital University' for the Ohio Chapter Spring Meeting. By 8:30 A.M., after registering and visiting the book sales and map projects we went to the second floor where the real action was, COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS . It was fun to visit with our friends from all over and to meet some new people. At Nine O'clock Ernest Thode introduced the first speaker, Jean Morris. She spoke on Pennsylvania Research, record types and their location in the courthouses and had some excellent maps showing boundary changes in Pennsylvania counties and areas disputed between Pennsylvania and its neighboring states, significant for genealogical searchers.

Next, our second speaker, Dr. Leo Schelbert spoke on Swiss immigration. He gave a lot of information on the Swiss; language areas, geographic divisions of the country and religious groupings. He noted that much information is available on the Swiss in most good encyclopedias. He gave reasons for migration and noted the strange phenomena of there being almost as much reverse movement into Switzerland as out.

Now it was lunchtime. Food was served buffet style in the small diningroom on the third floor of the Campus Center. 'Twas very good We had plenty of time too for more book browsing or buying, and of course, more visiting.

At 2:00 President Simons opened the Annual Chapter Business Meeting. He made announcements about the Newsletter Editorship. Book Sales and Library Committees. Membership Registrar Florence Beck reported the Ohio Chapter membership has risen to 605. Jean Hall . Treasurer, reported the chapter's assets now add to \$8,104.15. Robert Schnetzer, Chairman of The By-laws Revision Committee reported and explained the proposed changes. The By-laws were to be shortened and made more concise. His own office of 2nd Vice-president for example was eliminated. The full text of the proposed new By-laws was published in the February Issue of HERITAGE. The members voted to adopt them as they were proposed.

The Nominating Committee's report was offered by President Simons inasmuch as Dr. Helen Wikoff the chair, was unable to be present.. There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by a unanimous vote. (See the names and addresses of the new officers and "members-at-large" on Page 4 of this newsletter). Paul Smith took photographs of the new officers and award recipients

Several Awards were presented. A beautiful onyx engraved paperweight was given Past President Geart Droege, and Certificates were awarded honored members Florence Beck, Registrar, Jean Hall Past Treasurer; Paul Millikin, Past Editor and Ernest Thode, Program/Meetings Chairman. A special award went to Lois Rudy. She was unable to attend due to illness.. Paul Smith, Official Photographer, took photographs of the new officers and award recipients.

Then there were door prizes, many of them, and I won one of them.

At about 2:30, it was on to the program. Dr. Hubert Wilhelm, a cultural geographer of Ohio University at Athens showed slides of earlier Ohio people and landscapes. He showed interesting photos of homes, barns, churches etc. and pictures of similar buildings in Europe.

President Bill closed the meeting at 4:30 . If you couldn't be there you missed a fun day.

\*\*\*\*\*  
DURING the most recent Spring meeting several members were honored with recognition for devotion to the chapter. FLORENCE M. BECK, past Secretary and present Registrar and Associate Librarian. S. JEAN HALL, Treasurer, Librarian and Conference Registrar. PAUL T. MILLIKIN past Editor of the *Palatine Heritage* ERNEST J. THODE JR., Program Director and DR. GEART B. DROEGE, Past President, 1984-1985. Dr. Droege representing the Awards and Recognition Committee presented the others with Certificates of Outstanding Achievement and President Simons in turn, handed Dr. Droege a beautiful onyx paperweight with an appropriate inscription.

\*\*\*\*\*

President Simons says Robert F. Schnetzer and Dr. Richard Wilson have accepted responsibility for auditing the books for the year just past.

\*\*\*\*\*

### QUERIES

#### Editors note

While heretofore queries have been reserved for the national publication, members of the chapter are invited to send one here if they have tried the PALATINE PATTERN without result.. President Simons starts us off with the following:-

Seeking descendants of Peter Adam Reischman b. Germany 1832, immigrated to USA 1851. Also his brother Johann Nikolai. Contact with family was broken off in WW1. Family in Germany wishes to reestablish correspondence. I.W.Simons. (S-511) 975 Amberly Pl. Co. OH 43220.

\*\*\*\*\*

President Simons

Our President was born at Springfield Ohio in 1925. He and his wife Andrea have three children. "Bill" was graduated from Ohio State University in 1953 as a Consulting Industrial Designer. Other than genealogy, hobbies are acting, travel and theater in general. Interest in genealogy came from family stories related by his maternal grandmother whose ancestors settled in Franklinton ( now Columbus' 'bottoms' " in 1796. His first genealogical endeavor was his wife's Swedish-Welsh ancestry, part of which goes back to the ninth century. The Simons genealogy, he says, was more difficult. It took a 30 year search, revealing a change of the name from Simonis, Immigration to the USA in the 1830s and, ultimately in 1980 he learned the name of the town in The Palatinate from which they came. This was discovered by his cousin Richard, who was a speaker at our National meeting last June and to our Ohio meeting last November. The search continues, says Bill, always looking for just one more ancestor.

President Simons is serving his second year at the helm of our chapter.

\*\*\*\*\*

Please know that your Editor is no professional in the publishing field. No, not even an amateur. Feel free, therefor to send or call in suggestions. The address is 1492 Guilford Rd., Columbus, OH 43221 and the telephone is 614-488-3545

\*\*\*\*\*

Our library, which is a combined National and Ohio collection, has received the following additions during the recent months. We thank the donors and remind our members that any donations will make our library more useful to many other members. Should any member learn of a private collection which is to be dispersed, it would be fortuitous if the German Genealogical or Historical sections can be directed our way. Here are some recent additions.

**DONOR**

Anna Daum Hudgins  
 Larry Miller  
 Arthur C. M. Kelly  
 Warren Ziegler  
 J. Terence Golden  
 J. Terence Golden  
 Ralph E. Rainey  
 Annette Kunselman Burgert  
 Ernest K. Thode Jr.  
 Dr. Leo Schelbert  
 Dr. Leo Schelbert  
 Hubert Wilhelm  
 Florence Beck  
 Dorothy Houdashelt Hutchinson  
 Dorothy Houdashelt Hutchinson  
 Dorophy Houdashelt Hurchinson  
 Jeanne Jones Holder

**TITLE**

The Palatine Families of New York - 1710 by Henry Z. Jones Jr. (2 Volumes)  
 Family Record of Noah Beachy and Catherine Plank  
 Palatine Transcripts, a catalogu  
 Peter Lutz (family history)  
 Early Life and Customs: Lynn Twp. Lehigh County  
 several periodicals  
 Wallace Rainey and Jessie Ringer, Their Descendants  
 European Origin of 18th Century Pioneers  
 Sources of Records for German Archival Jurisdictions  
 Swiss Genealogical Research by Nelson  
 The Swiss Connection bu Jewett  
 Origin and Distribution of Settlement Groups: Ohio 1850  
 Ziegler Family and Related Families by Gertrude Ziegler  
 Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799  
 Daughters of 1812 -- Yearbooks 1971 and 1973  
 several newsletters  
 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society's Workshop Volumes, 21 and 22

The library is open at the appointed times with several volunteers as hosts. Among them are are Jean Hall, Florence Beck, Maru Moss Anna Hudgins, Robert Rudy and Dr. Geart Droege. There is evidently interest in having the library open on Saturdays. We can do this but will require a volunteer, either for mornings, or for the afternoons. Call Phil Beltz if you can. He be reached at 459-6566, or call Jean Hall at 885-4223

GENEALOGICAL TRIVIA  
**ANCESTRAL ARITHMETIC**

While we diligently pursue our ancestors, we seldom consider the size of the task before us. Let's find them all back to the Crusades - or at least 30 generations. GOOD LUCK

EVENT	YEAR	GEN	ANCESTORS	No.
	1925		Your birth	
WWI	1900	- 1 -	Mother and Father	2
	1875	- 2 -	Grandparents	4
Civil War---	1850	- 3 -	Great Grandparents	8
	1825	- 4 -	Gr. Gr. Grndp	16
	1800	- 5 -	GR. Gr. Gr	32
American ---	1775	- 6 -	So forth	64
Revolution	1750	- 7 -	More	128
	1725	- 8 -	"	256
Palatine ---	1700	- 9 -		512
Immigration	1600	- 14 -		16,384
	1500	- 18 -		262,144
America----	1400	- 22 -		4,194,304
Great Plague	1300	- 26 -		67,108,864
Crusades	1200	- 30 -		1,073,741,824

\*\*\*\*\*

The Alliance Ohio Genealogical Society is publishing *EARLY MARRIAGES OF STARK COUNTY, OHIO, 1809-1840*, over 5000 names, includes for Brown, Harrison and Rose Twps of Carroll County and Green and Franklin Twps of Summit County. Price \$10.00 plus tax until June 10th. Order from Alliance G. S., Box 3630, Alliance OH. 44601

\*\*\*\*\*

WELCOME NEW OHIO CHAPTER MEMBERS !!! -- OHIO: Janet Sellers, Dolores Bernard, Marilyn Kroll, Helen C. Smith and Warren Smith, Alan Watton Jr and Beatrice Watton, Donald Gleich, Virginia Jansen and George Jansen, Leonard Koch, Marilyn Miller, Jean V. Reider, Philip Thuma, Walter H. Walley, Ruth Brazis, Dr. Paul A. Jones and Carolyn Jones, and Helen Westhoven. OUT-OF-STATE : Texas, Mary Lou Orr, Massachusetts, Rita N. Ahrens, and Washington D.C. Christina M. Cowan; The Ohio Chapter of PAL-Am is happy to extend a very big "\*\*\*\*\*" to our new members.

\*\*\*\*\*

FISCAL YEAR DUES--HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership dues cover from October 1 to September 30. This year is an unusual year, inasmuch as it is a transition year from June/May to the new October/September year. Therefore those paying dues for the year commencing June 1st 1985 are gaining an extra four months of membership. Both National and "Ohio Chapter" fees are included in the single payment of \$12. INDIVIDUAL membership, or \$14. FAMILY ( 2 persons--1 address). Add \$3. per membership if outside of USA. Include SASE(self-addressed, stamped envelope) with your check payable to PALATINES TO AMERICA, Box 101 Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 43209-2394. Members receive both the National and Ohio publications and any member discounts for events

CORRESPONDENCE pertaining to or addressed to NATIONAL is sent to "Palatines To America, Box 101, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394. to OHIO CHAPTER use Box 106 same address.

OFFICE HOURS - OHIO Chapter & OHIO Chapter LIBRARY - Each WED. except 5th in mo.; 1pm--9pm.

LOCATION--Bldg. at SE cor. of Main St. & College Ave. on Capital Univ. campus--Rm. #339 on 3rd floor.

Other times subject to advance confirmation with Jean HALL, Col.;--(614) 885-4223.

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

(((( NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE July 15 1986))))

Editor                      Lists and Mailing                      Program Committee Chairman

Robert S. Rudy      Anna Daum Hudgins      Ernest Thode, RR 7, Box 306, Kern Rd., Marietta, Ohio 45750  
Library Philip R. Beltz, 4270 Lyon Dr, Columbus, OH 43220 Book Sales: Dorothy H Hutchinson 133 S. Ogden, Columbus OH 43204 Registrar: Florence W. Beck 4940 Fuller Dr., Columbus 43214

OHIO CHAPTER OFFICERS FISCAL 1986 - 1987

President Ira W. Simons, 975 Amberly PL, Columbus, OH 43220. Vice-President Ted W. Cunningham, 1011/2 E. Kibler, Bluffton OH 45013, Secretary, Doroty A. Limbach 29 E. Hebble, Fairborn OH 45324

Treasurer Clara A. Harsh, 3010 Derby Rd. Columbus, OH 43221 Board Members, Eleanor Brucken, Brecksville, C. Rudy Heath, Cincinnati, OH and Paul M. Smith, Beach City.



**PALATINE  
HERITAGE**

NEWSLETTER of the Ohio Chapter PALATINES TO AMERICA

BOX 106  
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43209

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

V. IX No. 4

TO  
Memb # H0036                      0078                      yr ~~85~~  
JEAN B. HALL  
  
181 HEISCHMAN AVENUE  
WORTHINGTON OH 43085