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**Mission Statement
"Advance Knowledge"**

- To further interest and study of German speaking immigration in Ohio.
- Encourage members to further research family histories in Ohio
- Promote information about life, times, and social life of German speaking emigrants and descendants.

**OHIO CHAPTER
40th Anniversary Events
Mark your calendars TODAY**

February

27 **German Community Forum** —*German Resources on the Internet* with Russ Pollitt

March

26 **German Community Forum** —*How's and Why's in WorldCat.com* with Barbara Bauer

April

22 **Annual Spring Seminar** —Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, Ohio
Guest Speaker Teresa Steinkamp McMillin **SEE PAGE 12**

23 **German Community Forum** —

Researching with Newspapers: Noting German Papers with Jayne Davis

May

Issue of the Heritage Honoring Our German-Speaking ancestor and descendant Soldiers. SEE PAGE 14 inside this issue to send us their names.

June

25 **German Community Forum** —TBA

July

23 **40th Anniversary Luncheon**—12 pm – 3 pm Clintonville Ladies Club with special guests and a presentation by Improv actors on Ohio history.
By reservation only. Watch your Heritage newsletter for more information

August

27 **German Community Forum** – TBA

September

26 **German Community Forum** —
So, you think everything is on the web, Surprise! with Carol Swinehart

October

10-13 **German Heritage Week**—Columbus Metropolitan Library
Celebrating National German Families Week
Watch for details in the newsletter

22 **Annual Fall Seminar**—Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, Ohio
with special guest speaker from Mainz University, Dr. Helmut Schmahl, Ph.D.

November

Issue of the Heritage Celebrating German Holiday Traditions

December

Special E-mail Issue of the Heritage (so send us your updated e-mail address)

Von den Präsidentinnentisch

Happy New Year! And what a great new year it is as this is the 40th anniversary of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America. We are grateful to the many people who established, developed, and maintained this fine chapter. Mary Hess and her 40th Anniversary committee are working hard to make this a special year for you.

We congratulate Mary Hess on her retirement from the position of manager of the national Palatines to America office. We thank her for the years of dedicated service she so ably provided. At her retirement luncheon, the Ohio Chapter provided a table centerpiece, which she then took home to enjoy. We welcome Carol Chafin as the new manager of the national Pal Am office and we wish her well.

We expect the eight volumes of the Eight Step Self-Study Course project to be available at the Spring Seminar. Thank-you to Linda Dietrich for heading-up this project. This self-study course is a feather in the hat of the Ohio Chapter.

The annual members meeting of the Ohio Chapter will be at the Spring Seminar April 16, 2016. At that time we will hear reports, have election of Board of Trustee members, and present awards. I hope all of you are there to be a part of the business of your chapter.

It is with delight that we welcome Teresa Steinkamp McMillin as our sole presenter for the Spring Seminar. She is a highly regarded and greatly sought after presenter. One of the benefits of having only one presenter is that attendees have greater access to the speaker for personal conversation. Several people have commented on that fact.

I wish you well in 2016 and look forward to talking with you at the Spring Seminar, as well as other times during this 40th anniversary year. Please invite others to come with you to the Spring Seminar. Alles Gute!

Thomas Gerke

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If you need directions for accessing the "Members Only" section on the website, contact Carol Swinehart
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FREE WORKSHOP

The Reynoldsburg Chapter of the DAR has invited the Chapter to speak at their business meeting luncheon on March 12, 2016. Lunch is served at 11:15 am. Patricia Berens will be the guest speaker, talking on Beginning German Genealogy.

If you are a member of DAR and wish to attend, contact Ann Federer at mfed2437@yahoo.com
Help support our Chapter speaker!

PRAISE FOR RECENT FREE WORKSHOP FEATURING ERNIE THODE.

Dear Ohio Pal Am Chapter,

Please accept our sincere thanks for offering and presenting the free program on German Genealogy research to our library's researchers and the community. We received much positive feedback! Mr. Thode (and his wife) and Ms. Poch were a delight to work with and Mary Hess was so helpful in working with our schedule.

We so much appreciate the opportunity to host your organization. We'll continue to send our German heritage researchers your way for assistance, events information and membership. Thanks to all!

Gina Merrill

Tuscarawas County Library - Adult Division

THANK YOU FROM THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY FOR OUR DONATION.

Dear Friends:

On behalf of our board and trustees, I cannot thank you enough for your generous gift of \$250.00 on December 31, 2015 to the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Local History & Genealogy fund.

The Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation provides financial support for the Library's greatest needs and highest priorities through generous gifts from customers like you. Every day Columbus Metropolitan Library provides vital services to the central Ohio community, like homework help for students, early literacy skill training for children, and resume services for jobseekers. The need for the Library has never been greater and gifts to the Foundation ensure that our programs and services will continue to be available free to all who walk into each of our 22 locations.

There are many worthy organizations you could support. We are grateful you chose the library and look forward to sharing the impact of your gift on our community.

Sincerely,
Jodi Carlson
Development Administrator

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

"Surnames of residents in the district of Hohenlohe [Baden-Wuerttemberg] are 60% the same as those of New Hanover and Trappe Townships in Pennsylvania." Trudy Schenk, German researcher

The Annual Volunteer Christmas Open House Honors the Retirement of Mary Hess

Twenty-two members of the Ohio Chapter of the Palatines to America gathered on December 9, 2015 for the Annual Volunteers' Christmas Open House. The event provided the perfect opportunity to honor Mary Hess on her retirement from the position of Resource Center Administrator for the National Palatines to America Office. Mary held the position since 2011 and was instrumental in organizing and managing the operations of the National Office located on North High Street in Columbus. I am sure that all members of the Ohio Chapter join with those who attended the Open House in thanking Mary for her many years of dedicated service and wish her a most pleasant retirement. In addition, we welcome Carol Chafin as the new manager of the National Pal Am office.



Carol Swinehart (L) and Ginny Poland (R) chat at the Annual Volunteer Christmas Open House



Mary Hess and Roberta Newcomer, both past Ohio Chapter Presidents, share a moment,



Attendees make their selections for lunch from the buffet prepared for the Annual Volunteers Christmas Open House

MEET THE NOMINEES 2016



Carol Jacobs Chafin—Trustee Replacing Outgoing Geoff Warthman

Originally, from Medina County in northern Ohio, Carol has resided many years in Franklin and Pickaway Counties. An interest in history inspired by the stories and newspaper clippings of Revolutionary War ancestors and Indian massacres saved by her maternal grandmother led her eventually to genealogy, which she has been doing for perhaps twenty years.

As a member of Palatines to America, Carol has volunteered at the Resource Center for several years indexing surnames contained in the Robert Rudy Collection, which is now a searchable database for members at the PalAm website, and she is currently working on indexing surnames for the Johannes Heltmann Collection that will be available online when completed. Since the recent retirement of Mary Hess, the Resource Center Administrator, she is learning the ins and outs of managing the Resource Center office. In addition, she is Corresponding Secretary for the National Board of Directors.



Joe A. Stamm—Trustee replacing outgoing George Biggs

He and his wife of 48 years, Leslie, live in Orange Village in NE Ohio. They have a married daughter and a 4-year old granddaughter. Joe holds a Bachelor's degree from Hiram College and a MBA degree from the

University of Maryland. He is a retired executive of an international oil company. He is world-traveler both for business and pleasure.

Joe's genealogical pursuits include researching his Stamm and his wife's Slagle/Schlagel German ancestry. In addition to genealogy, Joe's interests encompass aviation (a private pilot for 30 years); War of 1812, Civil War and WWII history; beekeeping; Bernese Mountain Dogs, and the historic Cleveland National Air Races. He is a Board member of the Society of Air Racing Historians and editor of the Society's e-newsletter. He also produced four documentary films covering various aspects of the 1929-1949 National Air Races.



PALATINES TO AMERICA 2016 National Conference

June 24-25, 2016

Hilton at the Grand Wayne Convention Center
1020 S Calhoun St
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Palatines to America is a national organization dedicated to finding German-speaking ancestors and their place of origin.

Conference cost: Members \$165; Non-Members \$185

Topics:

- German Village Not Yet Found
- Boosting Your Germanic Research: Understand Historical Jurisdiction
- Reading Handwritten German Church Records
- My Own Experiences Becoming a Genealogist (and my family's reaction to that)
- Records Beyond the Parish at the Family History Library
- Internet Sources for Your Germanic Genealogy
- He Took *Her* Name: Understanding German Farm Names
- German Resources at the Allen County Public Library
- Using PERSI
- Finding a Passenger List that Doesn't Exist

Featuring:

- Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG from Illinois
- Carolyn Whitton from Missouri
- John Beatty -Allen County Public Library
- Melissa Tennant - Allen County Public Library
- And our own Ernest Thode!

PALATINE



Celebrating our 40th Anniversary by revisiting articles from our past. Here is one from 2010 volume 33 issue 2.

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PALATINE HISTORY

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Irish Palatine Story on the Internet

in Irish Palatine Association Journal, No. 7 December 1996]

The Palatinate or German PFALZ was, in German history, the land of the Count Palatine, a title held by a leading secular prince of the Holy Roman Empire. Geographically, the Palatinate was divided between two small territorial clusters: the Rhenish, or Lower Palatinate, and the Upper Palatinate. The Rhenish Palatinate included lands on both sides of the Middle Rhine River between its Main and Neckar tributaries. Its capital until the 18th century was Heidelberg. The Upper Palatinate was located in northern Bavaria, on both sides of the Naab River as it flows south toward the Danube and extended eastward to the Bohemian Forest. The boundaries of the Palatinate varied with the political and dynastic fortunes of the Counts Palatine.

The Palatinate has a border beginning in the north, on the Moselle River about 35 miles southwest of Coblenz to Bingen and east to Mainz, down the Rhine River to Oppenheim, Guntersblum and Worms, then continuing eastward above the Neckar River about 25 miles east of Heidelberg then looping back westerly below Heidelberg to Speyer, south down the Rhine River to Alsace, then north-westerly back up to its beginning on the Moselle River.

The first Count Palatine of the Rhine was Hermann I, who received the office in 945. Although not originally hereditary, the title was held mainly by his descendants until his line expired

in 1155, and the Bavarian Wittelsbachs took over in 1180. In 1356, the Golden Bull (a papal bull: an official document, usually commands from the Pope and sealed with the official Papal seal called a Bulla) made the Count Palatine an Elector of the Holy Roman Empire. During the Reformation, the Palatinate accepted Protestantism and became the foremost Calvinist region in Germany.

After Martin Luther published his 95 Theses on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg on 31 October 1517, many of his followers came under considerable religious persecution for their beliefs. Perhaps for reasons of mutual comfort and support, they gathered in what is known as the Palatine. These folk came from many places, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and beyond, but all shared a common view on religion.

The protestant Elector Palatine Frederick V (1596-1632), called the "Winter King" of Bohemia, played a unique role in the struggle between Roman Catholic and Protestant Europe. His election in 1619 as King of Bohemia precipitated the Thirty Years War that lasted from 1619 until 1648. Frederick was driven from Bohemia and in 1623, deposed as Elector Palatine.

During the Thirty Years War, the Palatine country and other parts of Germany suffered from the horrors of fire and sword as well as from pillage and plunder by the French armies. This war was based upon both politics and religious hatreds, as the Roman Catholic armies sought to crush the religious freedom of a politically-divided Protestantism.

Many unpaid armies and bands of mercenaries, both of friends and foe, devoured the substance of the people and by 1633; even the catholic French supported the Elector Palatine for a time for political reasons.

During the War of the Grand Alliance (1689-97), the troops of the French monarch Louis XIV ravaged the Rhenish Palatinate, causing many Germans to emigrate. Many of the early German settlers of America (e.g. the Pennsylvania Dutch) were refugees from the Palatinate. During the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, the Palatinate's lands on the west bank of the Rhine were incorporated into France, while its eastern

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lands were divided largely between neighbouring Baden and Hesse.

Nearly the entire 17th century in central Europe was a period of turmoil as Louis XIV of France sought to increase his empire. The War of the Palatinate (as it was called in Germany), aka The War of The League of Augsburg, began in 1688 when Louis claimed the Palatinate. Every large city on the Rhine above Cologne was sacked. The War ended in 1697 with the Treaty of Ryswick. The Palatinate was badly battered but still outside French control. In 1702, the War of the Spanish Succession began in Europe and lasted until 1713, causing a great deal of instability for the Palatines. The Palatinate lay on the western edge of the Holy Roman Empire not far from France's eastern boundary. Louis wanted to push his eastern border to the Rhine, the heart of the Palatinate.

While the land of the Palatinate was good for its inhabitants, many of whom were farmers, vineyard operators etc., its location was unfortunately subject to invasion by the armies of Britain, France, and Germany. Mother Nature also played a role in what happened, for the winter of 1708 was particularly severe and many of the vineyards perished. So, as well as the devastating effects of war, the Palatines were subjected to the winter of 1708-09, the harshest in 100 years.

The scene was set for a mass migration. At the invitation of Queen Anne in the spring of 1709, about 7000 harassed Palatines sailed down the Rhine to Rotterdam. From there, about 3000 were dispatched to America, either directly or via England, under the auspices of William Penn. The remaining 4000 were sent via England to Ireland to strengthen the protestant interest.

Although the Palatines were scattered as agricultural settlers over much of Ireland, major accumulations were found in Counties Limerick and Tipperary. As the years progressed and dissatisfactions increased, many of these folk seized opportunities to join their compatriots in Pennsylvania, or to go to newly-opened settlements in Canada.

There were many reasons for the desire of the Palatines to emigrate to the New World:

oppressive taxation, religious bickering, and hunger for more and better land, the advertising of the English colonies in America and the favourable attitude of the British government toward settlement in the North American colonies. Many of the Palatines believed they were going to Pennsylvania, Carolina or one of the tropical islands.

The passage down the Rhine took from 4 to 6 weeks. Tolls and fees were demanded by authorities of the territories through which they passed. Early in June, the number of Palatines entering Rotterdam reached 1000 per week. Later that year, the British government issued a Royal proclamation in German that all arriving after October 1709 would be sent back to Germany. The British could not effectively handle the number of Palatines in London and there may have been as many as 32000 by November 1709. They wintered over in England since there were no adequate arrangements for the transfer of the Palatines to the English colonies.

In 1710, three large groups of Palatines sailed from London. The first went to Ireland, the second to Carolina and the third to New York with the new Governor, Robert Hunter. There were 3000 Palatines on 10 ships that sailed for NY and approximately 470 died on the voyage or shortly after their arrival.

In NY, the Palatines were expected to work for the British authorities, producing naval stores [tar and pitch] for the navy in return for their passage to NY. They were also expected to act as a buffer between the French and Natives on the northern frontier and the English colonies to the south and east.

After the defeat of Napoleon (1814-15), the Congress of Vienna gave the east-bank lands of the Rhine valley to Bavaria. These lands, together with some surrounding territories, again took the name of Palatinate in 1838.

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HOORAY, WE'RE GOING TO AMERICA: The Story of the Migration of the H. H. Bohning family from Barkhausen, Germany, to Cleveland, Ohio

Written in German by Ernst Bohning. The original was in Plattdeutsch, a dialect spoken in Northern Germany. This account is taken from a typescript in German prepared by Henry H. Bohning for the Bohning Reunion, August 4, 1918, in South Newburgh, Ohio (now called Garfield Heights). Translated into English and published in 1987, by Jill Carter Knuth with help from Heidi and Walter Gander. Notes by Jill Knuth are included in [square brackets].

HOORAY (Part Three)

Finally on the morning of the seventh day, with 182 passengers, we boarded the ship, and immediately afterward lifted anchor.

The quarters that we had were not very nice, and did not come up to our expectations. They were made of rough lumber, nailed together to make compartments, each for four people. They were located directly below the upper deck, one compartment over another like in a barracks. In the upper compartment, it was hardly possible to sit upright, while the lower ones were six to seven feet high. Here we had to live and sleep. These bunks were at the side of the hold. In the middle were our boxes and chests and other luggage. In this "home" by the way, there were no windows. At each end there was a steep ladder to the upper deck. Only through these hatches did a little light come into the room, and in the middle, it was dark. So that was the beautiful boat we had built in our dreams.

For awhile we did not go below, but stayed on deck and watched the coast and the Fatherland slowly disappear. Then nearly everyone's eyelashes became moist, and the women "searched for their eyes with their aprons." We children and the young men were merry and in good spirits. I liked it so much that I hoped the journey would last a long time, and I asked my father how long the trip would be. "That's up to God," he answered.

Then night soon fell and we crept into our bunks to sleep. But that didn't happen for a long time because the young folks played tricks and joked, and it was late before nature took over and everyone fell asleep.

However, before long that night, a storm arose that made the joints of the ship creak, and tossed everything back and forth. It made a din I shall never forget. Our cooking pots, kettles, cans, plates and cups, fortunately all made of tin, flew around in the room as if someone were throwing them. The trunks did not stay in their places, but slid back and forth. In addition, there was the noise of the sea, the tumult and howling of the wind, the running of sailors over our heads, and the commands of the captain.

Below, it was really a pitch-dark night, and on top of everything else, seasickness now struck. It was a misery that went into us and flowed out again through the heart and mouth. Everyone thought that his last hour had come. Everything that the Old Adam had taken in before, he now had to give back again. We prayed to the living God that He would rescue us from this danger. He did; toward morning, the weather was nice and calm and we felt compelled to thank God for salvation. We sang a hymn, and somebody read aloud from the Bible how our LORD JESUS with his disciples sailed over Lake Gennesaret and calmed the rage of the storm. The sermon was preached by a certain Koring, a

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farmer coming from Prussia. He and his wife were both short and fat as were both of their children, who, by the way, also had very small slit-eyes. But they were good, pleasant people. Koring continued as our Pastor during the whole trip, and each Sunday we had a worship service with the captain and most of the sailors likewise taking part.

[In 1842, the year prior to the emigration of the Bohning family, Charles Dickens traveled to America. Some of his experiences and some of the places he visited were very similar to those described by Ernst Bohning. Dickens's account of his trip was published as "American Notes". Dickens wrote: Imagine the wind howling, the sea roaring, the rain beating: all in furious array against [the ship]. Picture the sky both dark and wild, and the clouds, in fearful sympathy with the waves, making another ocean in the air. Add to all this, the clattering on deck and down below; the tread of hurried feet; the loud hoarse shouts of seamen; the gurgling in and out of water through the scuppers; with, every now and then, the striking of a heavy sea upon the planks above, with the deep, dead, heavy sound of thunder heard within a vault; --- and there is the head-wind of that January morning.

I say nothing of what may be called the domestic noises of the ship: such as the breaking of glass and crockery, the tumbling down of stewards, the gambols, overhead, of loose casks and truant dozens of bottled porter, and the very remarkable and far from exhilarating sounds raised in their various state-rooms by the seventy passengers who were too ill to get up for breakfast. I say nothing of them: for although I lay listening to this concert for three or four days, I don't think I heard it for more than a quarter of a minute, at the expiration of which term, I lay down again, excessively sea-sick."]

Dear God had heard our prayers and had led us to a ship with an honest and decent crew. The captain was a splendid man who was especially devoted to us children. He probably had a family of his own at home, and that's why he was so good to us. When he caressed our faces,

he did it with such tenderness, that it touched our hearts. The trip on the Mariana, as our three-master was called, was very good for that time, as far as the handling of the passengers and the food was concerned.

Wittung, as the captain was called, once laid his hand on my head, and said to me, "Boy, you are quite smart and strong. If you eat good fat meat for a few years, I could then use you on my ship." I was so firmly convinced, that I could have gone with him right then. In the mean time, my brothers and sisters, along with myself, latched on to the bacon and cured meat of which there was plenty. The other food was not so tasty, but it was very plentiful. Syrup and prunes had a place as a delicacy, but we left them alone. We couldn't think of anything more horrible. But there were plenty of potatoes in their "shirts," and ship's hardtack bread which we softened in coffee. We couldn't have bitten into it. But soaked, and with butter added, it tasted delicious.

The captain let the old folks and those who were sick, have special meals that came from his kitchen. Naturally, they were better than ours were, and really showed his humanity and goodness. As the master is, so are the servants. Except for one sailor, all the seamen were goodhearted people, who were helpful in every way, and made our lives easier. Others, namely my older brother, who had made the journey before us, had not had such good going. He complained later that he had had an underhanded captain and a rough crew on his ship, and that the passengers nearly died of hunger.

The young fellows who were with us on the ship constantly played tricks and joked. There were two of them that I still remember with pleasure. One by the name of W. Brinker actually came to Cleveland with us.

**TO BE
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MAY....**

FREE WORKSHOPS!

One of the advantages that the Ohio Chapter offers to members and other genealogical societies is the FREE WORKSHOP project.

We offer one of our talented speakers from the Chapter Bureau. All the group needs to do is provide the room and advertise the event.

If you know of a library, church group or organization that would like to present one of our programs please contact them and give the Chapter correspondence e-mail address. The committee will get back with them.

Come Join us to help Celebrate our 40th Anniversary

Mark your calendars today to reserve your spot at the July 23, 2016 banquet featuring a German-style menu with special guests, an Ohio History presentation by improv actors.

Time is noon to 3p

Reservations Only.

More information will be given in the May Heritage.

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Palatines to America 2016 Membership Application

Membership Year: 01 October 2015 to 30 September 2016

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Name (1) _____ Member # _____

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Chapters: Membership Optional (Circle one) CO IL IN NC NY **OH** PA None

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Life + Chapter \$875

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Individual + Chapter \$43

Family + Chapter \$48

Life + Chapter \$875

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Individual \$50

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NOW!!**

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The Ohio Chapter Palatines to America German Genealogy 2016 Spring Seminar

“WHERE, OH WHERE, ARE MY ANCESTORS FROM?”

Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG

Sessions include:

**Where, oh Where, are My Ancestors From?
So You’ve Found Your Ancestors Town of Origin – Now What?
Finding Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals
Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Hanover Military Records**

2016 Annual Meeting including Election of Officers and Directors

**SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT DER DUTCHMAN RESTAURANT, 445 JEFFERSON AVE, U.S.
RTE. 42, PLAIN CITY, OHIO 43064, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016.**

9:00 am til 4:00 pm

**Fees include syllabus, seminar sessions, vendor showcase, Der Dutchman pastries, coffee and juice for
breakfast and full Buffet lunch including Broasted Chicken and Roast Beef,
Mashed Potatoes, Noodles, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert**

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MEMBER: \$45.00 EACH

NON-MEMBER: \$55.00 EACH

After March 30, 2016, cost is \$55.00 for Members and \$65.00 for Non-Members

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Dr. Helmut Schmahl, will be our presenter at the Fall Seminar 2016. He was born in Alzey, Germany, in 1966. He earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Mainz in 1999 with a study on emigration from Hessen-Darmstadt to Wisconsin in the 19th century. Dr. Schmahl teaches at the History Department of the University of Mainz as well as Gymnasium am

Römerkastell Alzey. In 2002 he was a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. German emigration to America is one of his primary areas of historical interest and expertise. He has done extensive research on his sons' German and American ancestors and has lectured at historical and genealogical conferences in the United States, France, and Germany since 1987.

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The Chapter would like to print a special section in the May Palatine Heritage to honor those German ancestors and their descendants who have served in any Colonial American Military or the US Military. We need your help for this to become a reality. Please send us the name(s) of your ancestors and their descendants, what war they served in, from the King William's War (1688-1697) to the present day, and their place of residence at the time of service. REMEMBER, ONLY THEIR NAMES, THE WAR THEY SERVED IN, AND THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, (for example: John Q. America, WWI, Pennsylvania). They need not have served in an actual battle, but did have service during the war indicated. Proof will not be required. The deadline to submit names is April 19, 2016. Email to: mhess1014@gmail.com with Subject: Military, or send in writing to Ohio Chapter, PO Box 302, Worthington, OH 43085. The names will be published in the May Palatine Heritage and then placed on a special page on our web site.

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APRIL 23 NEWSPAPER RESEARCH: GERMAN PAPERS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM Jayne Davis
Local History & Genealogy Branch, 4371 E. Broad Street, Whitehall, Ohio

FORUM SESSIONS ARE HELD FROM 10:00 AM —12:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend... no advance registration is necessary. Watch the chapter website for latest information at www.oh-palam.org

Looking ahead to Spring!



Ohio Chapter is delighted to present Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, a Board Certified Genealogist, as our featured speaker for the 2016 Spring Seminar on Saturday, April 16, 2016. In addition to core experience in genealogical research, Ms. McMillin specializes in German genealogy (German-speaking ancestors who lived in any area of the United States or Europe). She has over eleven years of genealogical research experience focused primarily on German immigrants in Illinois and the Midwest. Her special focus is translating German church records written in the old German script. Mark your calendar NOW! Find more information and the registration form on page 12.

Willkommen

The following new Chapter members joined between October, 2015 and January, 2016

MICHAEL & MARY BISSELL– COLUMBUS, OH

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