



The Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America and
The Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library
Present their Fall German Genealogy Seminar and Book Fair
Featuring

Dr. Roger P. Minert

Friday Afternoon, November 1, 2019, and Saturday all day, November 2, 2019

In the B-2 Conference Room of the Central Denver Public Library
10 West 14th Avenue, Denver, CO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

- 1:00pm Registration and Book Fair
Note: There is NO FEE if you are attending this session ONLY, but please complete the registration form on the back of this flyer as seating is limited.
- 1:30pm Opening remarks and Welcome from the Denver Public Library
- 1:45pm ***“Conducting Family History Research in Europe”***
Conducting family history research in an ancestral town in Europe can be most satisfying, but also very challenging—even for the experienced professional. The presentation discusses how to prepare and execute a family research trip to Europe by noting various research locations in order to avoid and/or solve problems and increase productivity in what can be a very expensive undertaking.
- 2:45pm Take a break, have a snack, and visit the Book Fair.
- 3:00pm ***“German Training and Research Materials Found on FamilySearch”***
Complimenting Dr. Minert’s presentation, Cina Johnson, the FamilySearch resource person for the Colorado Genealogical Society, will give advice on how to use FamilySearch resources to further one’s individual research before visiting the ancestral homeland.
- 4:00pm Time for any additional questions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

- 9:30am Registration and Book Fair.
- 10:00am Opening remarks and Welcome from the Denver Public Library.
- 10:15am ***“German Immigrants in American Church Records—An Update”***
This presentation highlights the superb details found in the records of German Protestant congregations in the US, especially in the Midwest, beginning in the 1830’s. There are now 25 volumes in this series, all of which are in the Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library.
- 11:15am Take a break, have a snack, and visit the Book Fair.

11:30am ***“German Census Records 1816-1915”***

German census records are in many ways very different from those in the USA. This presentation explains and illustrates the frequency, content, methodology, and accessibility of these records in the 38 states of the German Empire.

12:15pm-1:15pm Lunch on your own at a nearby restaurant or with a bag lunch. Visit the Book Fair.

1:15pm ***“German Residential Registration Records”***

From the 16th century onwards, local authorities monitored the comings and goings of strangers and foreigners, keeping records to preserve the safety of local residents. The personal details of these records are a valuable resource for family history research. This presentation discusses the form and content of residential registration, tracing its development up to the late 19th century, by which time most states registered every person, man, woman, and child, whether local or from elsewhere.

2:15pm Take break, get a snack, check out the Book Fair one more time.

2:30pm Final announcements and door prizes.

2:45pm ***“Surnames in German-Language Regions of Europe”***

This presentation describes the chronological and geographical introduction of surnames in Central Europe, the relationship between surnames and place names, and the tricky question of surname meanings and translations.

3:45pm Time for additional questions – and Thanks for coming!

Dr. Roger P. Minert received a Ph.D from Ohio State University in German language history and second language acquisition theory. He taught German language and history for 10 years, and then became a professional family history researcher, accredited by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for research in Germany and Austria. In 2003 he became a professor of Family History at Brigham Young University. He has over 160 publications and has spoken to many family history conferences since 1991. He directs the research program, “German Immigrants in American Church Records”, and has recently published books on German census records, German residential registration, and how to conduct genealogical research in Austria. Several of Dr. Minert’s publications will be available at the Book Fair.

As noted above, the FRIDAY seminar is FREE. The cost of the Saturday Seminar is \$35.00.

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PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I/We will attend the Seminar on Friday, Nov. 1st _____ and/or Saturday, Nov. 2nd _____

Number of registrations @ \$35.00 each _____ Total: _____

Make your check (no credit cards) payable to CO-PALAM, and mail it and the registration form to
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