



# The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America 2020 German Genealogy Fall Seminars



with Speaker Claire Gebben

Due to COVID-19 we have made the decision to host our  
Fall seminar virtually on two different Saturdays  
Cost will be \$20 for each day or \$35 if you register for both days.

**Saturday, October 24, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Two Sessions:  
Reading German Handwriting  
A Hidden Heritage: German Immigrants to America**

and

**Saturday, October 31, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Two Sessions:  
Creating a Legacy from Family Papers and Genealogy  
For the Record: Writing Memoir and Family Stories**

Claire Gebben is the author of a memoir and an historical novel and has had articles published in *Your Genealogy Today* (formerly *Family Chronicle*) and *German Life* magazines, among other publications. Her memoir *How We Survive Here* (2018) is the story of the discovery of several dozen letters written between 1841-1900 in Old German script by Claire's ancestors, which propels her on a transatlantic quest to learn the truth about their lives. The memoir was honored as a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Claire's novel *The Last of the Blacksmiths* (2014) is culled from those letters, based on the true story of German immigrant blacksmith Michael Harm, her great-great grandfather and co-owner of Cleveland's Harm & Schuster Carriage Works. *The Last of the Blacksmiths* has been named a Notable Book at Cleveland State University's Michael Schwartz Library, and Book of the Month by the German American Heritage Foundation. Claire worked in desktop publishing, ghostwriting, and communications before quitting her day job to write full time. An adventurer at heart, she enjoys hiking, bicycling, and even on occasion, blacksmithing. Currently, she's working on an historical novel about Highland Scots immigrants to Ohio. More info at: <http://clairegebben.com>.

**Register today!**

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