Happy New Year!

In reflecting over the past year, I think of the many members who have faithfully worked to ensure the continued success of Pal-Am – the Executive Committee and Board, Committee Chairs and Chapter officers. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement!

I am also grateful for our continuing and growing membership who share an interest in German Genealogy. I encourage you to become an active part of Pal-Am by attending Chapter meetings and workshops, submitting articles to our newsletters and supporting National by attending the 2020 Conference in Cincinnati, June 17-20. Mark your calendar and sign up soon.

You are probably aware that registration for our National Conference is now open. The brochure appeared in the December issue of The Immigrant and is on the palam.org website.

Why should you come to the 2020 National Pal-Am Conference in Cincinnati?

- If you want to learn about genealogical resources in Germany, Switzerland and Alsace-Lorraine from National and Ohio speakers.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

25 Jan  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am German Community Forum, "Newspaper Research" with Jayne Davis, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Room 3B, 10am to 12pm, free and open to the public.

22 Feb  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am German Community Forum, "German Marriage Records" with Diana Druback, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Room 3B, 10am to 12pm, free and open to the public.

13-14 Mar  Colorado Chapter Pal-Am Spring Seminar, featured speaker Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. See further information on page 4.


28 Mar  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am German Community Forum, "Census Records" with Julie Callahan, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Room 3B, 10am to 12pm, free and open to the public.


29 Apr-2 May  Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Sandusky, OH. Further information at https://www.ogsconference.org/

20-23 May  National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, Salt Lake City, UT. Further information at https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

17-20 Jun  Palatines to America National Conference, "Cross the Bridge to Yesterday," Cincinnati, OH. Further information on pages 13-17.

20-27 Sep  Pal-Am Family History Library Trip, Salt Lake City. See further information on page 3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
You are perfect for one of these roles:

Newsletter Editor – Lynn Patterson has served as Patter Editor for many years and wishes to pass it to someone new. Please see ad on page 8.

Historian/Archivist – The responsibilities include the retention of records in the Resource Center and accumulating records from the Chapters. Volunteer should live in Central Ohio. If interested, contact me at palampresrn@gmail.com

Resource Center Volunteer – The responsibilities are generally whatever is needed like filing new documents and shredding old documents. Volunteer should live in central Ohio. If interested, contact Carol Chafin at cechafin@gmail.com
PALATINES TO AMERICA
German Genealogy Society
FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP
SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2020
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Includes 7 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (Sun. thru Sat.)—adjacent to the Family History Library. Travel to and from Salt Lake City is at each registrant’s arrangement and expense.

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday-Saturday: 8 AM – 9 PM
Sunday: 1 PM – 5 PM (first floor only)
The International Desk has a staff of experts in German genealogy who can assist with reading microfilmed or digitized German records.
Orientation, library classes, daily guidance and sharing with group members, and more.
Nearby restaurants, large shopping mall, specialty shops, historic sites, Temple Square, et. al.

Early bird registration with a $100 deposit BEFORE June 1:
Deluxe Double Queen: $470 per person [includes taxes]
Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: $890 [includes taxes]
Standard King: $810 [includes taxes]

Registration AFTER June 1:
Deluxe Double Queen: $495 per person [includes taxes]
Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: $915 [includes taxes]
Standard King: $835 [includes taxes]
*Non-members of Pal-Am: add $50 per person to above rates*

Hotel block of rooms is limited; first come, first served.

Deposits refunded in full until June 15; $50 service fee afterwards.
Balance due July 31. Fees do not include parking at the hotel, meals, or transportation costs.
Written confirmation, with additional information will be sent to registrants.

Questions? Contact Group Leader, Kent Robinson at nekero@aol.com
Make checks payable to Palatines to America.
Mail to: Karen Zimmerman, 7427 Bramblewood Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46254

----------------------Enclose form below with deposit or full payment----------------------

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Check Enclosed $________________ Room type (please circle): Deluxe Dbl Queen —or— King
Friday Afternoon, March 13, 2020, and Saturday All Day, March 14, 2020

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

FRIDAY, March 13th

1:00pm  Registration and Book Fair

1:45pm  “The Voyages of Our German Ancestors”

Germans began immigrating to America in 1683, according to documented history. This talk will highlight significant aspects of the first four major waves of migration, through 1910. Laws changed over time and influenced various aspects of the immigration experience.

3:00pm  “Research Resources for German Genealogists in the Denver Public Library”

James Jeffrey, Genealogy Specialist at the Denver Public Library, will detail the extensive resources for German genealogy researchers available in the Fifth Floor Genealogy Department.

SATURDAY, March 14th

9:30am  Registration and Book Fair

10:15am  “Boost Your German Research: Understand Historical Jurisdictions”

Germany was not a country until 1871. In the centuries before that, land areas were constantly changing hands. Changing jurisdictions and how to determine a village’s status over time will be discussed, using Meyer’s Gazetteer, which notes jurisdictions up to 1912. Key German vocabulary will also be explained.

11:30am  “He Took HER Name: Understanding German Farm Names”

In certain geographic areas of Germany, the custom of farm names has been in existence for over 1000 years, in that the farm carried the surname and anyone who inherited the farm assumed that surname. Usually a son, but if a daughter inherited, her husband would have to take her name. We will explain the social structure in these areas, various terms associated, how this affected naming patterns, and will present techniques to successfully research your ancestor.

3:30pm  Very short CO-PAL-AM business meeting for members: vote on budget, board members, etc.

3:45pm  “Untangle the Web of German Websites”

The internet is offering more and more quality information for German researchers. This will focus on collections of digitized German materials and indexes with free access, going well beyond church records. Since many of these websites are based in Germany, tips and tricks for navigating them will be included.

3:00pm  Final announcements and door prizes.

3:15pm  “Get with the Times: German Newspaper Research”

Germany does not have large subscription-based websites for accessing newspapers for genealogical research. Thousands of digitized German newspapers are available online. Many are free. Learn where they are and how to access them.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Certified Genealogist®, is the author of Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866, on Microfilm at the Family History Library, researches German ancestry and reads German script. She has taught at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) Academy for Professionals and has created courses for Ancestry Academy and Legacy. Ms. McMillin also chairs the monthly webinar series for the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights, Illinois, Memorial Library. Ms. McMillin previously spoke at a CO PAL-AM in October, 2014.
INDIANA CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING MEETING
Saturday, March 14, 2020

Indianapolis Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
Free parking in Liederkranz lot on the east side of their building
NOTE: Enter lot from Washington St. onto McKim Ave. (1 building east of Liederkranz)
Registration 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM; Program 9:30 AM – 3:45 PM

Featured Speaker: Roger Minert

Dr. Roger Minert retired in August 2019 after 17 years as professor of Family History and Religious Education at Brigham Young University. He received a B.A. from BYU, a M.A. & Ph.D. from Ohio State, and has spent time in Germany & Austria on research. He is the author of more than 70 books and widely recognized as one of the preeminent authorities in German genealogy in the U.S.

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Topic 1 - Surnames in German-language Regions of Europe
Topic 2 - Civil Records in Germany
Topic 3 - A Day in the Life of Your German Ancestor
Topic 4 - Residential Registration in Germany

Dr. Minert will be available to answer personal research questions during breaks; a selection of his books will also be available to purchase. NOTE: Order of access for presenting a question is based on order that registrations are received.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, GERMAN HANDWRITING CLASSES: Dr. Minert will also offer beginner
9:30 am - 12 Noon (Min 15 people; max 20) and advanced (1:15 pm - 3:45 pm) (Min 10 people; max 20
Flanner & Buchanan Meeting Room, 2950 N. High School Rd for $25 each.

INDIANA CHAPTER - PALATINES TO AMERICA - SPRING 2020 MEETING
Saturday, March 14, 2020 - Indianapolis Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
Registration: $25 (Pal-Am Member); $35 non-Pal-Am member or Member after February 29th)
Note: Registration does not include lunch.

NAME(S):______________________________________________________     # ATTENDUBG: _______
ADDRESS: ________________________________  CITY, STATE, ZIP: ____________________________
TELEPHONE: _______________________  EMAIL: ____________________________________________

[ ] LEU Certificate needed: ________________________________  Library

I want to order ____ lunch(es) at $13 each:        Deadline for Lunch Orders is March 7
____ Kassler Rippchen (Smoked Pork Chop), green beans, potato salad, and dessert
____ Mushroom Lasagna, green beans, salad, and dessert

I want to register for the Friday handwriting class @ F&B: [ ] Beginning @ $25 [ ] Advanced @ $25
Total amount enclosed: registration ____; lunch ____; handwriting class(es) ____ = TOTAL $ _______

Check payable to: Indiana Chapter Pal-Am. Questions: indianapalam@gmail.com
Mail registration form to: Kent Robinson, 6610 Latona Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46278

Dr. Roger P. Minert
The featured speaker at this conference is Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. Dr. Lacopo has been honing his genealogy research skills since 1980 and since 1991 he has pursued it full-time as a profession. He has contributed to numerous periodicals, appeared in USA Today and has lectured at many national and international conferences. His interests and strengths include Mennonite, German and Swiss research. Topics he will be speaking on are appropriate for beginner and novice genealogists:

- Finding and Using German Church Records
- More than the Census – Our Families did exist within those ten-year intervals
- How to overcome brick walls in German – American research
- Finding dead ancestors is easy: finding the living can be a challenge!

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**ACCOMMODATIONS (across the street from the TR site @ 620 Delaware Ave.):**

Residence Inn by Marriott Buffalo – Downtown $149.00 / night + tax includes free parking, hot breakfast

Lodging reservations must be made by: **April 1, 2020** using this link: [https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1568642393384&key=GRP](https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1568642393384&key=GRP)

To **REGISTER**, complete and mail in the below registration form by **Saturday, April 11, 2020**. Cancellations must be received by April 23 to receive a full refund. A printed syllabus of the lectures is included. No meals will be available for walk-ins.

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**Please print:**

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Additional attendees: __________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal code/Country: _______________________________________

Phone: _____________________ Email: ______________________________________

Make checks payable to: **NY Chapter - Palatines to America**

Mail registrations to: **NY Chapter – Palatines to America, 367 Windsor Highway, Box 124, New Windsor, NY 12553**

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**Registration fee:**

Pal-Am society members $55.00 x # _____ = $ __________
Non-members $80.00 x # _____ = $ __________
Late (after April 11) & same day walk-in fee $10.00 x # _____ = $ __________

Yes, I/We want to become Palatines to America member(s):

Select one Chapter (circle): Single $40.00 x # _____ = $ __________
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TOTAL = $ __________ US$

Please indicate special needs e.g.: physical, dietary:

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:** palamny@gmail.com

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**NEW YORK CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA**

**SPRING MEETING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020**

_Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Buffalo NY_

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Dr. Michael D. Lacopo
PRESIDENT'S CORNER  Continued

- If you are curious about DNA and how to make German-American connections using DNA.
- If you would like to hear about online resources both here and in Germany and get tips on how to use them effectively for useful results.
- If you want to network with other genealogists seeking information about their German-speaking ancestors.

Then you should attend!
Two Pre-Conference Events are also worth considering:

On Wednesday, Pal-Am Past President Kent Robinson will be conducting a four-hour workshop on ”Key Essentials of German Genealogy - from Basics to Success.” I attended this workshop last year and found it extremely informative. Kent’s syllabus is filled with a variety of resources to guide your research. I keep it near my computer for quick reference.

On Thursday, Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, well-known German-American expert and Pal-Am member, will be conducting a tour of the Over the Rhine district where the German immigrants lived, worked, played and prayed. The tour includes visits to Washington Park, Rookwood Pottery, Findlay Market (for lunch on your own), Old St Mary’s Church and ending at the Moezel Brewery for a tour and refreshment. The Over-the-Rhine tour is limited to the first 30 to sign up, so hurry and get your registration in before the tour is filled.

A big THANK YOU to the Ohio Chapter and President Linda Dietrich for planning and coordinating the National Conference.

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With the Board’s approval, I wrote a letter of support for the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society’s nomination of the late John T. Humphrey to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame. The nomination was being coordinated by James M. Beidler.

In response to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service’s proposal to raise fees for search (from $65 to $240) and the cost of the actual file (from $65 to $385), the Federation of Genealogical Societies requested that member organizations sign-on to a letter outlining objections to the proposal. On behalf of our membership, I signed Palatines to America to the letter.

If you are like me, the December issue of The Immigrant must wait until after the holidays to be read. This particular issue has several articles of note. I always look forward to reading Bonnie Everhart’s “Book Reviews” and she did not disappoint. As usual “Ask Ernie” is chock full of information that is helpful to the requester and reader alike. Ernie Thode also provides the reader with an interesting bio of John Jacob Astor under his “Notable Germans in America” column. Being a member of the Kocherthal Circle, I was delighted to read the reprint of “Palatines in the Mohawk Valley” by Jean MacNeish Rand. Lastly, it was good to learn from Roger Minert that Vol. 26, Vol. 27 and Vol. 28 of Ohio Church Records are now available at www.familyrootpublishing.com. Thanks to Editor Becky Thornton and the Editorial Review Board for a wonderful issue.

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ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP
This year's Pal-Am Family History Library Research Trip to Salt Lake City will be from September 20-27, 2020. Kent Robinson, last year's trip coordinator will again serve in that capacity. He encourages those who have never been to the Family History Library to take advantage of a group trip during which they can experience the interaction and encouragement of fellow researchers and reduced hotel rates. He also welcomes those who have been on earlier research trips to return to Salt Lake City with the group. Feel free to contact him with any questions you may have about the trip. NOTE: Since he will be in Germany for a period of time, the registration forms and checks are being sent to Karen Zimmerman, the Indiana Chapter president. See the flyer and registration form on page 3 for further details.

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THANK YOU!

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This will work if you do not print the entire issue, but want one of the event information and/or registration. You will then have one page with all the information printed.

EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE PALATINE PATTER
It is with regret that I have indicated my intention to resign as Patter Editor to the Board of Directors. I will gladly help anyone in becoming familiar with this job. The Patter is currently set up in Microsoft Publisher and distributed online as a pdf. A pdf is also sent to our printer for distribution to those that wish – and pay for – a printed copy.

Responsibilities include communication and receipt of articles and information for the Patter. Layout, design and proofreading. Production of pdf files for distribution requires computer and internet capability.

Please contact me at palampatter@gmail.com or Publications Chair Becky Thornton at rthornton07@gmail.com.
Sincerely,
Lynn Patterson
OUR CONNECTION WITH THE PALATINES
by June McManus Gardner, author of "Edgefield Connections"

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Cuffeetown

Being afraid of the Indians, most of the newcomers sought land grants elsewhere, although a dozen or so plats were surveyed on or near Hard Labor Creek. About the same time, plats were surveyed six or seven miles away on both sides of Horsepen Creek. Two plats at the mouth of the creek were “at the place called Cuffeetown” and a dozen or more were on Cuffeetown Creek. Also called “Coffee Creek,” the new German settlement was reported, in 1767, likely near Cuffeetown Creek. Even before the Revolution, some of the Germans moved away from this area. Others spread out along Cuffeetown Creek in the vicinity of Kirksey and Sleepy (Slippy) Creek in Edgefield District.

Turkey Creek and its Tributaries

The land the Palatines were granted was usually bordering the numerous creeks in the area. This network of small streams, five or ten miles east of the Londonborough Township, was near the point where Little Stevens, Sleepy, Log, and Turkey Creeks run together. Turkey Creek empties into Big Stevens Creek, which empties into the Savannah River. It was a chief preference of the newcomers. Here, in a three or four mile radius, fifty plats were surveyed. They were strung along the watercourses, usually including both sides, in two or more mile stretches. The plantations were laid out in tracts of one hundred and fifty acres.

Sleepy Creek

The Sleepy Creek community was settled in 1764 and 1766 by several groups of immigrants from Germany, England, and other countries. They were far from being sleepy like the creek. They felled forests, opened fields, and built homes. These homesteads were situated to invite association with other settlers. Many of the Palatines settled along Sleepy Creek (also known as Rocky Creek). It is located fourteen miles northwest of US Highway 378, where Long Cane Road crosses Sleepy Creek.

Our Edgefield County Connections

In tracing old land deeds, an interesting discovery was made showing that the Griffis and McManus families owned connecting land in the Little Stevens Creek and Sleepy Creek area. (In some places, Little Stevens Creek is spelled Little Stephens Creek.) The map on the next page shows number eighteen as the Londonborough Township in 1762 and number twenty is the Edgefield Courthouse. In the bottom left-hand corner is the Savannah River.

How did the McManus family from Ireland and the Griffis family from Wales end up owning adjoining property in the German Settlement of Sleepy Creek in Edgefield County? The following information was assimilated from the book, The Palatines of Londonborough, by Hortense Woodson; Ancestry.com; and four original mortgage and title documents owned by Donald McManus. Our father was a pack rack and they were found in his old trunk.
Although there could have been many land turnovers between the Palatines, and the McManus and the Griffis families, it appears called Rocky Creek) seem to have passed their land down to their descendants. For instance, we find in 1885: the changes most likely came through inheritances of the wives of the Palatines. It is uncanny how the folks on Sleepy Creek (also called Rocky Creek) seem to have passed their land down to their descendants. For instance, we find in 1885: John Nicholas Griffis, father of Mamie McManus, owned 131 acres on the waters of Sleepy Creek. This land was once the land of the Palatine, Mary Eva Flick (sometimes spelled Fleeke), who married Christian Burkhalter. Their daughter, Mary Burkhalter, married John Griffis II, father of John Burkhalter Griffis, who inherited the land from his father. His son, John Nicholas Griffis, inherited the land from his father, who apparently deeded part of the land to his daughter, our grandmother, Mamie Griffis McManus.

This land was bordered on the north by land originally belonging to Elizabeth Dorn, our third great-grandmother, who was a descendant of the Palatines in Germany. She married Amos Russell Faulkner and the land was passed down to their sons—Elijah on the north and Marshall on the west of the land which originally was Flick, Burkhalter, and Griffis, before it was passed down to our grandmother.

On the east of the Griffis land was part of Fredrick Zimmerman’s original land grant of 300 acres bounded on the southwest corner of Sleepy Creek. Part of this land was later owned by Fredrick’s great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Timmerman, who married James Amos McManus. Elizabeth and James were our great-grandparents. South of the Griffis land was the estate of Minerva “Eva” Harling, mother of Maggie Harling, who married John Nicholas Griffis. Eva lived twenty-seven years longer than her husband, John Clark Harling Jr., and the property became known as the Minerva Harling estate. John Harling Sr.’s mother was Elizabeth Dorn. John, Sr. died young, leaving Elizabeth with four children. She married secondly, Amos Russell Faulkner, and had six children by him. To the east of the Griffis land was the Marshall Faulkner land. Marshall was the oldest of the six children of Amos and Elizabeth. He married Mary Ann McManus, daughter of John, Jr. and Mary Holley McManus, parents of James Amos McManus.

It seems like a merry-go-round. It is easy to see how the McManus and Griffis lands connected and how the acreage became smaller as more descendants inherited a “piece of the pie,” and/or they sold off their land to buy another piece of land more suitable to their needs. Such was the case of our grandparents, John Trapp and Mamie Griffis McManus, who bought eleven acres on the South side of Edgefield in 1803, in the Pickens Township and farmed that small plot of land as long as they lived. Thus ended our connection to the land of our forefathers in the Sleepy Creek area—the area which was so much a part of our heritage. No one in our family is known to currently have any connection to the land or even to Edgefield County. This story needed to be shared or forever lost.

Editor’s note: The conclusion of the article published in the previous Patter. It is written from a different point of view. Told anecdotally, it references local persons of Edgefield, SC heritage, without the source documentation that we usually see. Please enjoy reading this article and learn a bit more of our Southern "relations."
**PALATINES TO AMERICA 2020 MEMBERSHIP**

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Beers on Sunday Trial – 1858

In Brooklyn (North America), a law case was handled, which brought no special honor to the German witnesses cooperating in it. It cast an unfavorable light on the mission of German beer in the history of civilization, which has been praised by many German newspapers with a certain self-satisfaction. German tavern owners were charged with having sold, contrary to law, “intoxicating beverages” on Sunday. They sought to prove, by means of a number of witnesses, that lager beer is not intoxicating. The witnesses said, under oath, some truly hair-raising things. One claimed to have drunken 32 Seidels of beer in two hours and to have remained sober, another 40-50 glasses in one day, and a third, in the course of a contest, 30 quarts (60 Seidels within two hours. A fourth swore that on the average, he drank 40 Seidels daily and that a short time ago, in a beer garden, he saw a German woman drink 20 Seidels in one sitting. The sad is that these statements probably are not correct. The fact of the matter is, that among the lower classes of Germans there, intemperance in beer has become a formal cult, to which all noble aims in life are sacrificed.

OldenwalderBote, 16 Mar. 1858. A Seidel is a Bavarian liquid measure, equivalent to 0,535 liters. It was discontinued in 1871.
Palatines to America
Conference Information and Registration Form

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America invites you to experience the past, present, and future in Cincinnati at the 2020 National Conference.

Cross the Bridge to Yesterday
June 17-20, 2020
At the historic Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio

Conference Schedule

Featuring Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, Daniel R. Jones, Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Dr. Allen Bernard, Ernest Thode, Kent Robinson, Diana Drubach, Katheen Reed, Andrew Houghtaling, and Lauren Kuntzman

Wednesday
June 17
1:00pm—5:45pm Pre-Conference Workshop "Key Essentials of German Genealogy - From Basics to Success." presented by Kent Robinson, at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 800 Vine St.

Thursday
June 18
9:00am—3:30pm Bus Tour of Over-the-Rhine led by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann

Thursday
June 18
5:00pm Conference Registration—Salon F, Fourth Floor

Friday
June 19
7:00am Conference Registration—Fourth Floor Registration Area

Friday
June 19
8:30am Conference Lectures — Main speaker Daniel Jones, MS, AG

Saturday
June 20
8:00am Palatines to America National Membership Meeting

Saturday
June 20
9:00am Conference Lectures — Main speaker Dr. Michael D. Lacopo

Conference ends at 4:30
This is a conference you won’t want to miss!

HOTEL INFORMATION
Rooms will sell out quickly, make your reservations now
Cut-off date for reservations is May 27, 2020

Register by phone at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) Use group code: PALAM
or make reservations online at https://book.passkey.com/go/PALAM0620

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, 35 W. Fifth St, Cincinnati, Ohio
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Conference rate: $149 (normal room rates are $225-$295 per night)
Reservations open now!
**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

**Kent Robinson**

Kent Robinson is the past president of the Indiana Chapter and immediate past National president of Palatines to America—German Genealogy Society. He designed the presentations in this workshop based on his 15-years of German research experience and the type of questions that people generally ask at conferences, presentations, and during the chapter’s outreach experiences. He has enhanced his knowledge of German genealogy by attending the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research on two occasions (German Genealogical Research and Reading German Records) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Advanced German Research). He has also attended many national and regional conferences, read numerous books and articles, and viewed a number of webinars related to German genealogy. He has experience researching for at least 50 days at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and in at least 10 archives in Germany. He has traveled to Germany on 8 occasions and lived there for about 10 months in 2014. He has served on the Executive Committee of the International German Genealogy Partnership and the board of directors for the Indiana German Heritage Society. Workshop at Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

**Key Essentials of German Genealogy— from Basics to Success**

This comprehensive 4-hour workshop is designed to give the beginner or individual relatively new to German genealogy research some basic information on how to proceed to have success in their research. Even those who consider themselves to be intermediate German researchers will likely learn new things as well. It will highlight key information that makes German research different from standard U.S. research, the types of records that one typically uses and the information they contain, how to overcome “barriers” for those who do not speak German, useful references and websites and how to use them, etc. A detailed syllabus (almost 100 pages, including an extensive 20 page bibliography) that includes the text from all of the PowerPoint slides will be provided to attendees so that they can mainly concentrate on the presentation with minimal need for taking notes. This is intended to be a learning experience that will enable individuals to take the next steps that are needed to further their German research. The sessions will end with a question and answer period. Topics to be covered are:

1. Determining the Village of Origin,
2. History and Geography,
3. This and That: A Variety of Useful Information,
4. Resources: Books and Websites,

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

**Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann**

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann is the author and editor of numerous books on German-American history and culture. He has received many awards, including the National Award of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Distinguished German-American of the Year Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Society for German-American Studies. He served as Curator of the German-Americana Collection and Director of German-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati and is well known as “Mr. German-Americana.” He has been on the board of many national and international organizations and institutions, including the Society for German-American Studies; the Covington-Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Committee; and the Friends of the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. Currently, he is President of the German-American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati and Curator of its German Heritage Museum. He serves as Book Review Editor for German Life Magazine and is on the editorial boards of the Yearbook of German-American Studies and The Palatine Immigrant. He edited a monographic series dealing with German-American history: Neue-Deutsch-Amerikanische Studien/New German-American Studies (34 vols.). He also assisted in the production of several PBS programs, including: “The German-Americans” and “Zinzinnati Reflections.”

**Tour of Over-the-Rhine, Cincinnati, Ohio, where German immigrants lived, worked, played and prayed**

We will leave the hotel at 9:00am and travel through downtown Cincinnati, past Fountain Square, and cross over the former Miami-Erie Canal (now Central Parkway) which was nicknamed “The Rhine” when many German immigrants settled to the north of the Canal. Our first stop will be Washington Park, which is flanked by Music Hall, Memorial Hall, German churches and includes statues of famous German Americans. Dr. Tolzmann will comment on the architecture, the German bilingual school, the brewery district area and Phillipus Church. Next stop is world famous Rookwood Pottery, where we will receive a tour by curator George Hibben, Rookwood historian. After the tour there will be an opportunity to shop for your Rookwood souvenirs. We will then proceed to Findlay Market, Ohio's oldest continuously operated public market and named the No. 1 Market by Forbes magazine. Findlay Market remains the bustling center of farm fresh, locally sourced, artisanal and specialty foods. Findlay Market is home to more than 40 indoor merchants selling meat, fish, poultry, produce, flowers, cheese, deli, and ethnic foods, in addition to sandwich shops, restaurants, and a beer garden. (Lunch on your own.) After lunch we will tour Old St. Mary's Catholic Church, which offers services in German, English, and Latin and is noted for its beautifully decorated interior. Our final stop of the day will be at Moerlein Brewery, where we will enjoy a behind the scenes tour and can refresh ourselves before returning to the hotel. Registration for the tour is limited to 30 persons. All registrations will be made as of the date received, either by mail or online registration on the website.

**John A. Roebling and his Suspension Bridge on the Ohio River**

As our banquet speaker on Friday evening, Dr. Tolzmann will cover the life and work of German immigrant John A. Roebling (1806-1869), with particular reference to the Suspension Bridge he built on the Ohio River, and which was dedicated on New Year’s Day 1867. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the bridge served as the prototype for the Brooklyn Bridge.

**Cincinnati’s German Heritage**

This session on Saturday provides a visual historical tour of German immigration, settlement, and influences in the Greater Cincinnati area from the 18th century to the present. In the 19th century Cincinnati became a major destination for German immigrants, eventually forming one of the corners of the so-called “German Triangle” along with St. Louis and Milwaukee.
Conference Speakers

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo
Dr. Michael D. Lacopo is a retired small-animal veterinarian born and raised in northern Indiana. He takes a scientific approach to his research as he does to his profession. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described “all-American mutt,” his research skills cover a broad range. Michael’s interests and strengths include Mennonite research, German and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to the 18th century immigration to America, among many other topics. He makes many trips throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest states chasing ancestors in primary repositories, and also devotes a considerable amount of time to European research, being proficient in reading German script. Having ancestors from many geographic locales as well as immigrants spanning the 17th century to the 20th century, Michael has a wide variety of proficiencies. He believes that as genealogists we should tell the tales of our ancestors and is a vocal proponent for learning the social history that interweaves our ancestors into the fabric of the past. Topics:

The German Immigrant Experience in the 18th Century
Many of us have German immigrants into Pennsylvania, but few of us fully understand what it meant to our ancestors. This lecture provides basic knowledge of the sociology behind the immigration experience.

Methods for Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants
If all you know from conventional records is “Germany” as a place of origin, then this lecture will help you mine other resources to locate WHERE in Germany your ancestor came from.

German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the Basics
The Internet age has brought genealogy to our fingertips over the last two decades, and subsequently we can find our German ancestors easier. But it still takes some digging and some know-how. This lecture will discuss some online sites that all German genealogists should be aware of. American sites will be covered, but a strong concentration on lesser used German sites will be discussed, as we are missing vital clues by not being truly “international” in our Internet research endeavors.

How to Overcome Brick Wall Problems in Pennsylvania German Research
Several case studies will be presented showing lesser-utilized research tactics, repositories and resources used to find information about our Pennsylvania ancestors.

Lauren Kuntzman
Lauren Kuntzman, MA, MLIS, has over 20 years of experience in family history research. Currently, she manages Medina County District Library’s Family History & Learning Center and enjoys helping library patrons to find their roots. Her personal research interests include the Midwest, France, criminal ancestors, and finding living relatives. Topic:

Introduction to Online Research in Alsace-Lorraine
This lecture provides an overview of the online archives for departments within the historic region of Alsace-Lorraine. The lecture also includes examples of available records, and tips for making sense of the documents.

Daniel R. Jones, MS, AG
Daniel Jones is an Accredited Genealogist specializing in Swiss and German research. He is currently a research specialist in Germanic and Slavic Europe for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. After graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University, Daniel worked professionally for over a decade in helping several high-profile clients with research all over Europe. He has experience in numerous archives across more than a dozen countries in Europe, North America, Africa, and Australia. Daniel has also presented at multiple national conferences, including FGS and RootsTech, as well as the 2019 International German Genealogy Conference. Topics:

Finding your European Ancestors: Record Types and Resources for Research
European research strategies are very different from American strategies based on the records they produced. This introductory class will examine the major record types that exist for most of Western and Central Europe.

Germany: Complex Thinking -- Using non-parish registers to solve research problems
When parish records aren’t enough to identify a family, where do you go next? This class will look at different record types that have been used to solve brick walls when the parish registers just weren’t enough.

From the Alps to the Rhine: Your Swiss Research - What makes Swiss research unique?
Come and find out the quirky aspects of tracing your family in Switzerland, including a discussion on indexed records, published genealogies, and online places you can go for help.

The Search for Anna Hansen: Using Geography to Find German Records
Want to figure out where the records of your German ancestors are? Come and learn what historical geography is and how it affected where to look for records. We’ll be talking about what exactly "Germany" is and tools on how to identify where to go next for records.

Dr. Allen Bernard
A Mercer County, Ohio native, now resident of Cincinnati, Dr. Bernard is an historical researcher, writer, architectural preservationist, and interpreter of local history. A retired school administrator and former university professor, he has traveled widely and is an avid collector of books and prints. He is the author of numerous publications relating to historic preservation, genealogy and two recent books: Lost Treasures of Granville and Marion Townships, and The Measured Mile, Remembering the Main Street of St. Henry, Ohio 1947-1960. He attended Fairfield University, Ball State University, and has an Ed.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Topic:

From Wotan to Boniface to the Statue of Liberty – A Perspective on the Evolution of German Religious Practice
This presentation will focus upon the historical development of German religious practices from the beliefs of the ancient Germanic Tribes to the Reformation, and through the “Americanization” of German immigrants in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
Ernest Thode
Ernie Thode became interested in genealogy in high school and graduated from Purdue University with a teaching certificate in English, German, and Speech and is still educating while talking about German genealogy in English. He received a Master’s degree in German and also studied and taught at The Ohio State University. He was awarded first place in the ISFHWE Excellence in Writing contest for his “Ask Ernie” column in The Palatine Immigrant. His genealogy interests include German surnames, place names, immigration, and records sources. Topics:

German Pioneers of Southeastern Ohio
Two emigration parties of German-speaking Swiss, largely unknown by historians, settled near the Ohio River in 1819 following years of European wars and famine. Led by two divorced men – one a baron from the leading family in Switzerland, the other the father of five out-of-wedlock children, soon to become six, but both condemned by the morals police – each became stranded on the way downstream, but each made the best of it. They founded colonies that have left their mark in Ohio and the US – a rear admiral, a champion golfer, and a settlement that has survived and grown as “the Switzerland of Ohio” for two centuries.

Twelve Steps to Citizenship
My father’s immigration documents, from the USCIS Genealogy Program, typify the 12 steps required to become a citizen after 1906. These records go above and beyond passenger lists and include records from Germany, such as his birth certificate. I am glad I sent for them. He went from being Ernst Julius Wilhelm Thode (two syllables, TOE-duh) in the Weimar Republic of 1925 to being Ernest Thode (one syllable, rhyme with “rode”) in the U.S. of 1935. We learn his reason for emigration, where he lived from birth to emigration, his good conduct reports, his physical description and medical record, his quota status, his American friends, and his family.

Diana Druback
Diana Druback has researched many of her lines back to the 1500’s in Slovakia, England and Germany and has visited her ancestral villages in Europe. She regularly lectures to central Ohio genealogy groups, organizations and historical societies and has had articles published in genealogical journals. Diana serves on the Board of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America and coordinates their German Community Forum. For twenty years, Diana has volunteered at two LDS Family History Centers, helping patrons with their genealogy. She and her husband spent two years restoring an early Ohio German farm cemetery, where four of his third great-grandparents are buried. Topics:
Using FamilySearch Like an Expert
FamilySearch is an amazing free genealogy website with the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world. You will learn advanced techniques to search for both indexed and non-indexed digitized records by using search options, browse all published collections, and catalogue searches. Also, we will briefly explore the FamilySearch Digital Library, Family Tree and the Research Wiki.

The Power of Google for Genealogists
Google offers many websites with information which should be taken advantage of by genealogists. You will learn how to use search operators to make your searches more precise and increase the possibility of useful results. We will explore the basic Google Alerts, Google News Archives, Google Earth, and YouTube as time permits.

Kathee Reed
Kathy Reed has been researching her German, Irish and English roots for the past 18 years. She is a Director-at-Large on the Hamilton County Genealogical Society Board and leads a regional DNA Interest Group. She shares her family history through two blogs and has had several articles published in genealogical publications. Topics:

An Introduction to DNA
In this session, we will discuss the different types of DNA (autosomal, Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA). You will learn which type will best help you answer your genealogical questions and where you can order a test. There will be an overview of the companies providing these tests and their strengths and weaknesses.

How to Make German-American Connections Using DNA
If you have German roots or German descendants living in America, you may want to reach across the pond in either direction to see if you can make connections using DNA. This session will include a discussion of what types of DNA may best help you succeed with examples of actual success stories.

Andrew Houghtaling
Andrew Houghtaling is the Director of The Ninth Ohio: A Living History, an organization dedicated to educating the public by bringing to life the stories and experiences of not just the Ninth Ohio, but all German-Americans who served in the Civil War. He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in German Studies. Topic:

Cincinnati Germans in the Civil War: An Examination of Birthplaces, Professions and Religion
Composed of over 1000 men, only 50 members of the Ninth Ohio (First German) Volunteer infantry Regiment which served in the American Civil War were actually born in the United States. Join us as we explore the origins of Cincinnati’s own Ninth Ohio, touching on subjects such as how migration trends, the labor market, and religious affiliation affected the make-up of the regiment so famous for its irresistible bayonet charges.
## 2020 National Conference Registration Form

### Crossing the Bridge to Yesterday

**June 17-20, 2020**

*Deadline for Conference Registrations May 27, 2020*

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**Includes:** lectures, handouts, syllabus, Friday lunch, Friday banquet, Saturday lunch

- Single day registration: includes lectures, handouts, syllabus, lunch on day of registration: ______ × $90 $______
- indicate Friday____ or Saturday____
- Late Registration *(after March 15, 2020)*
  - ______ × $35 $______
- Pre-Conference Session: Key Essentials of German Genealogy Wednesday June 17, 1:00pm to 5:45pm—Cincinnati Library
  - ______ × $50 $______
- Fee includes additional syllabus
- Pre-Conference Tour of Over the Rhine Thursday June 18, 9:00am-3:30pm
  - ______ × $60 $______
- Additional Friday Night Banquet (for non-registered guest)
  - ______ × $75 $______
- Additional Friday Lunch (for non-registered guest)
  - ______ × $35 $______
- Additional Saturday Lunch (for non-registered guest)
  - ______ × $35 $______

**Banquet Includes:** Social Hour & Cash Bar, Dinner, Award Presentations, Entertainment, and Presentation by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann

**Conference Fee Total** $______

You must be a member at the time of registration to receive the member discounted rate.

**YES! I/We want to be a member of Pal-Am: Individual at $40 or Family at $45** $______

Chapter selected______ (select one: CO, IN, OH, NC, NY, PA)

**TOTAL PAYMENT:** $______

Checks payable to Palatines to America

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