



**Spring 2021 German Genealogical Seminar
Presents a two-day seminar virtually via Zoom
On Friday afternoon, April 9th, and Saturday afternoon, April 10th
Featuring TERESA STEINKAMP McMILLIN**



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 at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Academy for Professionals. She has also created courses for *Ancestry Academy* and *Legacy*. In addition, Ms. McMillin chairs the monthly webinar series for the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights, IL, Memorial Library.

Ms. McMillin previously spoke at the COPALAM seminar in October, 2014.

PART 1: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 9, 2021

1:30PM-2:30PM: *The Voyages of Our German Ancestors*

Germans began immigrating to what became the United States in 1683, according to documented history. This talk will highlight significant aspects of the first four major waves through 1910, using available immigration and emigration records to tell their stories, including the areas from which they emigrated, the motivations that typified each wave, and other records that help tell the immigrant story. Laws changed over time and impacted various aspects of the immigration experience.

2:45PM-3:45PM: *Stymied by Stieglers: Solved Using Indirect Evidence—A Case Study*

German immigrant, Christina Stiegler, arrived in the US with her sister in 1874. Other Germans with her surname lived near her, alternating between Cincinnati and Iowa. No United States sources name a town of origin for any of these individuals. A current descendant's DNA match suggests a district in Bavaria for the Stieglers' origins. Emigration records, historic gazetteers, and church records provide indirect evidence for finding her German home town.

4:00PM-4:30PM: *CO-PALAM annual meeting*

All CO-PALAM members who are present at this first part of this seminar are invited to stay connected on Zoom for a VERY SHORT meeting to vote on the annual budget, elect board members, and discuss any other items that may be presented.

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PART 2: SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 10, 2021

1:30PM-2:30PM: **He took HER name: Understanding German Farm Names**

This lecture is to raise awareness of a custom in certain geographic areas of Germany where people who lived on a farm of a certain status (a *hof*) carried a designated surname. In this custom, anyone who inherited such a farm assumed the designated surname. Usually this was a son of the farmer, but if a daughter inherited the farm, her husband would need to change his name to *hers*.

2:45PM-3:45PM: **Discover the Holdings of German Archives**

German archives hold many records valuable for expanding our genealogical research. Church records not available digitally may be waiting in these archives. State and local archives may contain emigration, court, tax, and other records to fill in our ancestor's story. This presentation will explain how to find relevant archives and discover their holdings. It will describe how to navigate detailed online aids when available. One need not be fluent in German to do this research. Essential vocabulary and translation tools will be discussed.

There will be a fee of \$35.00/person for this two-day seminar. You will be sent an email confirmation when your registration and payment are received. Look for an email with the Zoom access details, along with the link enabling you to download the handouts. Refunds will not be permitted after the Zoom access and handout information has been sent. Email reminders will be sent out prior to both sessions.

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You may register on the CO-PALAM website (www.copalam.us) and use PAYPAL for payment. Otherwise, you may print out this form and send it with your check to Yvonne Schaefer, 3845 Brushland Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

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