



**Spring 2021 German Genealogical Seminar
will be presented in two parts 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. She was to be the featured speaker at the COPALAM seminar in March, 2020, which had to be cancelled.

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.

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. No US records for anyone named Stiegler mentioned the town of origin. Emigration records, gazetteers, and church records, plus a DNA connection, provide indirect evidence for finding her German home town.

PART 2: SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 10, 2021

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

In some parts of Germany, the farm carried the surname of the family, whether inherited by a son or daughter, and the spouse would have to assume that surname. This lecture will explain the social structure and naming patterns in these areas.

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

German archives, both state and local, may contain emigration, court, tax, and other records relevant to our German ancestors. This lecture will explain how to find the relevant archives and their holdings, including online records, when available.

**SAVE THE DATE! YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THESE PRESENTATIONS!
The official Registration form with payment details and more complete
descriptions of each presentation will be available in early January, 2021.**