

LOOK-UP SERVICES PROVIDED BY MEMBERS TO MEMBERS OF PALATINES TO AMERICA – GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

If you would like to volunteer your services to do “look-ups” in your area, please contact dsalik@juno.com.

Instructions. Our services are provided only to members of the National Society and to its various chapters. When you send us your request, please give us as much information as possible, including full name, and at least the month and year of record. If the name has several spellings, please give those to us. We are not able to conduct a search with only the year provided, unless there is an index available to us that will tell us the day and month. Please be patient; we will try to acknowledge your request within a week. If you don’t hear from us in two weeks, please try again. Please remember to provide your current membership number.

Illinois Death Records. Death records prior to 1916 can be found at the county clerk’s office in the county where the death was recorded. Please see the list of clerks on the IDPH link at the bottom of our chapter page. The state started recording death records on January 1, 1916. Microfilm is available at the state archives for the period 1916 through 1947. Death records beyond that date are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health in Springfield (link at the bottom of our chapter page). Before you request a death record, please check the website of the Illinois state archives at the bottom of our chapter page. After checking the database, please send the name of the county; city, village or township; date, and certificate number with your request.

Obituaries in Available Illinois Newspapers. Obituaries often can provide more information than death records. You may have to check the website above to find the date and city/county of death. To determine if there was a newspaper available for the date and location of the death, please check the “microfilm collection” link on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library website. There is a link at the bottom of the chapter page. Send the names of the newspaper(s) and the date(s). You may also wish to check the link to the Sangamon Valley Collection for information about newspapers on microfilm at this facility.

Name and Contact Information	Geographic Area Covered By Research	Arrangements [PalAm current membership number must accompany request]	Requested Reimbursement, if any
Rich Salik dsalik@juno.com	ILLINOIS (1) Illinois death records 1916 thru 1947 (2) Illinois census data (3) obituaries in selected Illinois newspapers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library (4) Sangamon Valley Collection, at City of Springfield Library) including high school yearbooks, county/town histories, obituaries, etc. (5) other areas, please contact me for information.	Send request via e-mail or postal service. Include e-mail and postal service address, and telephone number. I'll contact you when I have finished my research and tell you the costs, if any.	Reimbursement for copies. A donation to Illinois Chapter, Palatines to America for records received would be greatly appreciated. No charge if record is not found.
Dwight Ringhausen dfiring@frontiernet.net	ILLINOIS Calhoun County (County Historical Society)	Send request via e-mail. Include e-mail/postal address.	Hourly rate of \$15.00 (donated to the historical society) + postage and coping fees.
Ruth Unzicker runzicker@earthlink.net	NEW YORK (1) Monroe County (2) State Library, Albany (infrequently)	Send request via email or postal service. Include e-mail/postal address and phone number.	Reimbursement for incurred costs, including mailings.