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The Palatine Patter

Palatines to America German Genealogy Society



OUR MISSION

- To promote interest in the research and study all German-speaking peoples who migrated to the Americas.
- To exchange and preserve information relating to the history and culture of German-speaking families.
- To provide appropriate methods, tools, and

resources to assist members in achieving their research goals.

- To encourage fellowship among members.

OUR VISION

- To be recognized as a growing and vibrant family History society that focuses upon researching German-speaking people.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Christmas and Easter, when we celebrate the birth and the resurrection of Jesus, are my favorite times of the year. At Christmas, not only do we enjoy receiving and giving presents to those we love, but we celebrate God's great gift to humanity, Jesus, who left Heaven to become human like us. He taught us about God as he showed us how to live. He experienced all aspects of human life. What a wonderful gift!

As we think back to our German-speaking ancestors, they blessed us with many customs that we still enjoy today. Religion played a very important role in their lives in the Old Country. They had to work very hard just to survive and their everyday lives were greatly influenced by their religious beliefs. As Dr Roger Minert notes in his book, A Day in the Life of Your German Ancestor, the church was in the center of the village surrounded by the cemetery. Each person in the village was expected (by the heads of households and the neighbors) to attend church. Children were christened and confirmed on schedule. And, holidays (Holy Days) determined people's daily calendars. Marriages united families; and, funerals were opportunities to say "goodbye" to departing members of the family and

community. The church played an essential role in village life.

Although our German ancestors observed many religious celebrations, Christmas and Easter were two important times of rejoicing and reflecting on the real meaning of life. To enhance these experiences, they devised special activities, such as Christkindlmarks, Christmas caroling, Christmas trees, Advent calendars, and special Holiday treats.

My family and I have enjoyed visiting many Christkindlmarks, including the very large one in Nuremberg. Also, we have visited several smaller ones in small towns in Germany, as well as a few in America. You can count on great food and drink, hand-crafted items for sale, and the joy and fellowship of people celebrating the Christmas season. We purchased the small nativity cookie, *Springerle*, shown at the right which was made from a hand-carved wooden mold.



No matter your faith background or tradition, I pray that you and your family will be blessed as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus in 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

January 16—Pennsylvania Third Tuesday: German Resources from the Western Pennsylvania Genealogy Society

January 20—Indiana Collaborative Learning Session: Planning Your Research Trip to Germany

February 7—Member Services Webinar: 2024 PalAm National Conference Preview

February 20—Pennsylvania Third Tuesday: Mason Dixon Survey - Genealogical Implications of a Changing Boundary

April 6—Ohio Spring Seminar: Using DNA to Research Your German Heritage

April 20—Indiana Spring Meeting and Annual Meeting

June 1—PalAm National Membership Meeting via Zoom

June 6-9—PalAm National Conference in Albany, New York

September 8-15—FamilySearch Library Research Trip to Salt Lake City

The Colorado and North Carolina Chapters are planning events in the Spring, but have not decided on dates yet.



WELCOME KATHERINE MARGARD *THE PALATINE IMMIGRANT* EDITOR



Katherine Margard is both the new editor of *The Palatine Immigrant* and a new member of Palatines to America. She's the wife of Vern Margard, who is a PalAm Ohio Chapter board member and Chair of the national PalAm Bylaws Committee.

Katherine brings to the editorial role several years' experience in newsletter and magazine editing, proofreading, and editorial calendar management. Her professional background includes administrative, communications, and alumni relations roles at OhioHealth, The Ohio State University, and other organizations in Columbus, Ohio. Katherine also is a speaker and trainer for national and international administrative professionals' conferences.

While Vern is the primary genealogist in the family, Katherine recalls her first attempt at family research from a 7th-grade history assignment. At the time, her family wasn't able to tell her much beyond the names of her great-grandparents' generation. Thanks to Vern's efforts, Katherine has learned that part of her maternal line came from Silesia by way of Austria.



2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

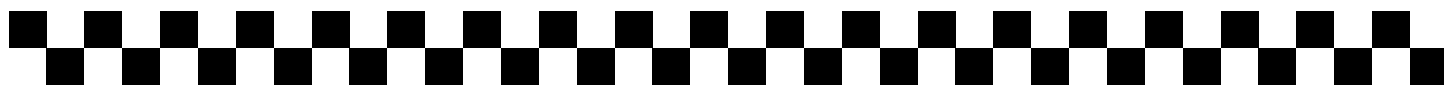
Join us for a free Webinar on February 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm ET to preview the 2024 PalAm National Conference. Tom Shannon, New York Chapter President, will provide an overview of the Conference Topics and Speakers and Dr. Philip Otterness, Conference Keynote Speaker, will outline his presentation. Dr. Otterness has researched German-speaking migrants who came to North America in the 18th Century and is the author of “Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Immigration to New York”. His current research includes Swiss and German Rhineland emigrants who founded the town of New Bern, North Carolina.

The New York Chapter is hosting this year’s Conference to be held in Albany, New York from June 6 – 9, 2024. Additional information and registration materials will be available in Early Spring.

Register in advance for this free program:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkf-CqqzItH9K_gCf87jmlaI-dmUvLqM7K

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



LARGE GOEBEL NATIVITY SET

Mildred and John Harder have been collecting Nativity Sets (Creches) since 1970. On a trip to Germany in 1989, they visited the Goebel Factory in Roedenthal where they purchased the 17-piece Nativity Set shown in the photo. The figures are large; the top of the elephant stands 11” high. Interesting features of the set include the artist’s use of three different modes of travel for the magi: traditional camel, Arabian steed, and Asian elephant, suggesting diverse areas from which the Magi traveled.



Large Goebel Nativity Set



2025 IGGP CONFERENCE

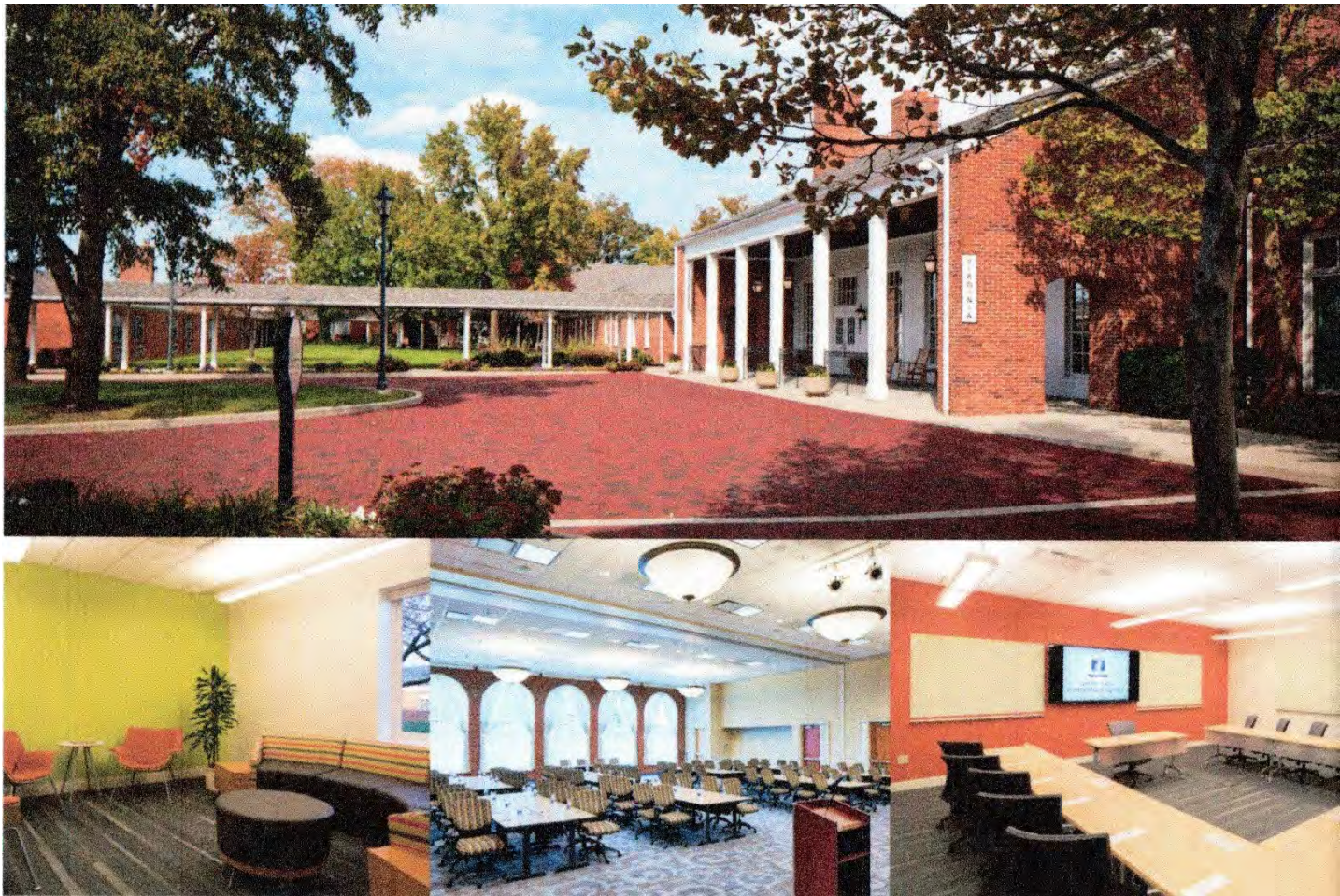
The 2025 IGGP Conference will be hosted by Palatines to America in Columbus, Ohio, from June 6-9, at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center. The Conference coincides with PalAm’s 50th Anniversary and IGGP’s 10th Anniversary. The Theme for the Conference will be Celebrate Your Germanic Ancestry.

PalAm has signed the Contract with IGGP to host the Conference. Also, PalAm has signed the Contract with Nationwide to hold the Conference at their facilities. PalAm intends to use Whova for the event; however, it is not necessary to sign a contract with them until Fall 2024. Two parts of the PalAm 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will include a bus trip to the German Village neighborhood on Thursday and a dinner on Friday evening. As they did at Fort Wayne, IGGP will hold a Gala dinner.

PalAm has established the following Committees to plan and execute the Conference:

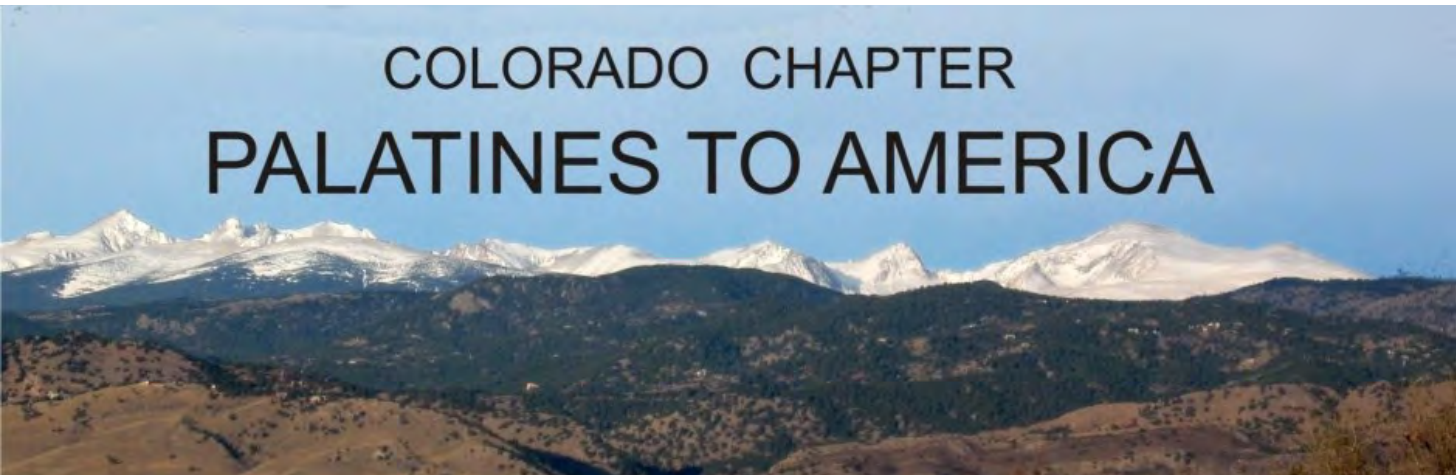
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| 1. Co-Chairs | 8. Syllabus | 15. Celebration |
| 2. Steering Committee | 9. Outreach to Partner Societies | 16. Logo |
| 3. Treasurer | 10. Translation | 17. Bus Trip |
| 4. Publicity | 11. Registrtrion | 18. Volunteer Management |
| 5. Venue/Hotel | 12. Vendors/Sponsors/Exhibitors | 19. On-Site Coordinators |
| 6. Speakers/Programs | 13. Leadership Day | 20. Other |
| 7. Connection Sessions | 14. Food | |

PalAm is asking members to sign up to serve on one or more of the above Committees.



Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center Facilities





COLORADO CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA

The Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America is in need of one or more persons to serve as President of the Chapter. If we cannot find one person to serve, we would consider two or three people to perform the function of President as a Committee. If you are willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact Sandy Carter-Duff at president@copalam.us.

WHIPPED SHORTBREAD COOKIES

1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 cups flour
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/4 t. salt
Sprinkles

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In a large bowl of a stand mixer, beat softened butter with powdered sugar at least minutes, scraping bowl every two minutes. Add the flour, cornstarch and salt. Mix until combined. Using a spoon and a knife, drop cookie dough onto prepared cookie sheets, 12 to each sheet, for a total of 24 cookies. Form each cookie into balls, then slightly flatten them. Using a fork, press down on each cookie to make a pattern. Add the sprinkles to the top of the cookies. Bake for 10 – 15 minutes until the tops look set. Cool on cookie sheets for a few minutes, then place them on the kitchen counter to cool completely. Makes 24.

Recipe provided by Joanne Rumpler





Indiana Chapter Palatines to America *German Genealogical Society*

Indiana Chapter Report

The Indiana Chapter has two upcoming meetings to which we wish to extend invitations to members of other Chapters.

Saturday, January 20 — Collaborative Learning Session: Planning Your Research Trip to Germany.

A panel of six individuals will provide input regarding the method they used to plan their previous research trip.

Join us to determine which option would be the best for you and to ask questions about each option. Virtual attendance is open only to PalAm members of any chapter.

Saturday, April 20 — Spring Meeting and Annual Meeting

Vicki Casteel, will give two presentations regarding the Indiana State Archives:

These will be followed by a group interactive session about various aspects of German genealogy. In-person and virtual attendees will be able to give input and/or ask questions. It is hoped that this will enable attendees to feel like they are an integral part of our meetings and also have the ability learn from others.

The day will conclude with our chapter's Annual Meeting.

Further information and details about registration can be found on the homepage of our chapter website: <https://inpalam.org/>

MEMBERS HELP NEEDED!

Consider sharing your skills and gifts. Please help fill the following positions:

- **Presidents of Colorado and North Carolina Chapters**
- **Scholarly articles for *The Palatine Immigrant***
- **Editor of *The Palatine Patter***
- **Webmaster of National Website**
- **Membership Registrar**
- **People who recall PalAm's rich history to serve on the 50th Anniversary Book Committee**



NEW YORK CHAPTER NEWS

New York Chapter Fall 2023 Meeting:

Despite heavy rain throughout, we had a great New York Chapter fall meeting while touring Fort Klock, Palatine Church, and Nellis Tavern in St. Johnsville, NY!

The great Les Stewart led us through Fort Klock, the heavily fortified 1750 homestead of Johannes Klock. The fort is located about 3/4 of a mile east of where the Battle of Klock's Field occurred on October 19, 1780. All the rain gave attendees a first-hand look at the small rivulet that was intentionally incorporated into the foundation of the fort.

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand of the Lutheran Churches in nearby Canajoharie and Stone Arabia gave us an excellent history of the Palatine Church in St. Johnsville. Built of limestone from a nearby creek in 1770, it was spared from destruction during the Revolutionary War.

For lunch, some attendees went to Parkside Diner and some went to Eisenadler Brauhaus, the first - and we dare say best - microbrewery in Montgomery County.

We then regrouped at Nellis Tavern, built in 1747 by Christian Nellis, Sr. The tour included a look at the exceptional stencil restoration, recently completed throughout most of the house. We also had a look at a section of a wattle and daub wall, and relatively rare split lath in one of the upstairs rooms.



2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Distinguished historian Philip Otterness will be the keynote speaker at the 2024 Palatines to America National Conference. The conference will be held June 6th through 9th in Albany, NY. Dr. Otterness, known best for *Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York*, will be speaking on the New Bern, North Carolina Palatines, their interactions with local Tuscarora Indians, and a comparative study of that tribe's interactions with Palatines in New York's Mohawk Valley after they sought refuge there. He will also lecture about his adventures in various archives around the world in search of the Palatines' story. Conference attendees will also have an extended opportunity to ask Dr. Otterness any questions they may have regarding the Palatine migration.

The New York Chapter will finalize the roster of other lecturers at the conference over the next few weeks. On Thursday, June 6th, we will have a research day at the New York State Library, located just a few blocks from the site of the conference. The Henry Z Jones Jr. Palatine Research Center at the Germantown Library will be open on Sunday, June 9th for conference attendees who are able to spend all or part of the day in Germantown.

Registration for the 2024 National Conference will go live on December 15th, 2023 at www.palam.org. You can find hotel reservation information for the Albany Hilton there as well.





Palatines to America

German Genealogy Society



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

The North Carolina Chapter had a fall meeting, featuring Lori Thornton, from Tennessee. She presented a short seminar on “Doing North Carolina Research from the Comfort of your Home,” sharing several websites and ideas on how to find our German ancestors in North Carolina. We are working on a plan for Spring.

SILESIAN SPICE CRUMB COOKIES

Cookie Dough

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs
- 2 ¼ cups dark brown sugar
- 1 cup coarsely chopped toasted nuts (optional)

Crumb Topping

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 ½ tablespoons butter, softened



Preheat oven to 350 F.
Grease or line cookie sheet with parchment.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, spices and salt. Beat eggs and brown sugar until thick; add flour mixture and nuts. Stir well to ensure all ingredients combined completely.

Make crumb topping by combining all ingredients. Use pastry blender or fingertips working in butter until mixture is crumbly.

Shape cookies using scoop or spoon to drop walnut sized mounds of dough onto cookie sheet several inches apart. Use bottom of glass to flatten to ¼ inch thickness. Generously top with crumb mixture.
Bake for 15 minutes until firm to touch. Yield: 40 cookies.
Remove to wire rack to cool. Keeps well for week or so in air-tight container.

Recipe from Volume 2, *The Joy of German Cookies* by R.M.H. Guelnder
Germans in the Kitchen Series, to purchase any of 4 volumes go to <https://grhc-northdakotastate-ndus.nbsstore.net/cookbooks>.





Using DNA to Research Your German Heritage

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America
German Genealogy Society 2024 Spring Seminar

Available on Zoom

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT



Guest Speaker: Mary Eberle, JD DNA Expert, Author, Educator

Mary Eberle, JD, founded DNA Hunters in 2015 after careers as a biotech patent attorney and scientist. She is passionate about empowering people to harness DNA's power to solve family mysteries. Mary has used DNA to break through brick walls in her family tree. Her clients include adoptees and others with unknown parents or grandparents. DNAHunters.com

Description: This seminar offers useful information to both those just starting out with DNA testing to those who are experienced genetic genealogists—and everyone in between. With four talks, you're bound to learn several tips and tricks to using DNA evidence to advance your German ancestor research.

- 1. You've Got Your DNA Results—Now What?** Learn the steps to analyze your DNA results. Steps include (1) having a family tree of your known ancestors and attaching your DNA to it, (2) identifying known DNA matches, (3) finding common DNA matches to your knowns, and (4) deciphering your unknown DNA matches—possibly some of whom might help break down a brick wall in your genealogy.
- 2. Understanding Ethnicity Estimates** Learn what you can glean from your ethnicity estimates. We'll focus on Ancestry's ethnicity estimates. We'll also cover ethnicity estimates at FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, and MyHeritage. Learn why each company's results differ and why sibling results can differ. A better understanding of your ethnicity estimates might help with your German research.
- 3. Finding Relatives and Ancestors in Germany** Learn how to find DNA matches currently living in Germany at each DNA testing company. Those German matches, matches sharing German ethnicities, and unknown matches with links to Germany can lead to unknown German ancestors.
- 4. Case Study** This case study will cover how I found my unknown 2nd great grandfather, who was a German immigrant to Toronto. You'll learn the steps of combining DNA evidence with paper evidence that led to him. The most important steps were (1) target testing family members, (2) deciphering our common unknown DNA matches to find their common ancestor, (3) determining how we might fit into the unknown's family tree, and (4) finding clues about his German hometown in the paper evidence.

This seminar includes our annual Ohio Chapter PalAm business meeting. Recordings of these presentations will be available to all registrants for a two week period on the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America private YouTube channel. This gives you the availability to watch again, or if you can't be with us on the 6th you can watch at your leisure. A Zoom link and handouts will be emailed to all paid registrants a few days prior to the seminar. The link is for the registrant only. It can not be used by others. Seminar questions? Please email Tom Fishbaugh at tfish@fishbaugh.com

Follow us on Facebook at: Ohio Chapter - Palatines to America German Genealogy Society

Register today!

Online at our website:

<https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php>

or make check payable to
Ohio Chapter – Palam
and mail with registration
form to:

c/o Jill Filo
2999 Kendall Road
Copley, OH 44321-2544

***Must include email for
Zoom link and handouts**

EARLY REGISTRATION BY APRIL 4, 2024 PAL-AM MEMBER: \$50.00 NON-MEMBER: \$60.00

REGISTRATION AFTER APRIL 4, 2024 PAL-AM MEMBER: \$55.00 NON MEMBER: \$65.00

Deadline to apply online is April 5, 2024

No refunds for cancellation after April 5, 2024

NAME: _____ MEMBER# _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL*: _____

SURNAMES I AM RESEARCHING: PLEASE LIST FOUR SURNAMES:

Copy this form to use for additional registrations. Mail in registration should be postmarked by March 30th.





Pennsylvania Chapter Third Tuesday Zoom Programs

The Pennsylvania Chapter is continuing our series of Third Tuesday Zoom programs, presented at 7:00 PM ET. They are free and open to all PalAm members. Join us for our January program:

German Resources from the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) is an organization of amateur and professional family historians and genealogists dedicated to the study and preservation of family history, mainly in Western Pennsylvania. Since 1974 WPGS has aimed to provide members with genealogically related information, connections, and resources to enhance your family history and research. The Library is a non-circulating collection of materials, and includes standard reference volumes, indexes on immigration and emigration, military history and genealogy research. There are also several hundred volumes of published family histories, church and cemetery histories, and locality research. WPGS President, Pam Israel will give us an overview of their collections and how to access them.

Surrounded by genealogy from a young age, Pamela Israel has long appreciated the richness that learning about your heritage and ancestors can bring. She loves helping others do the same. Pamela teamed up with her brother, a Germanic linguist, to launch Unlock Your History where she focuses on people's family history and he translates old documents. Pamela is the current president of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. She is a ProGen alum and earned a genealogical certificate from Boston University.



[Register on our website](#) to join us for this discussion. If you have a question that you want to ask, feel free to email it to us in advance at info@pennpalam.org or pennsylvaniapalatines@gmail.com.





Pennsylvania Chapter Third Tuesday Zoom Programs

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Mason Dixon Survey: Genealogical Implications of a Changing Boundary

Tuesday, February 20, 2024



Changes to administrative boundaries can have major implications on where genealogists look for records. The Mason-Dixon line, surveyed between 1763 and 1767 by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, marks part of the borders separating four states: Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia. The survey resolved a border dispute that had its origins almost a century earlier in the somewhat confusing proprietary grants by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore (Maryland), and by his son King Charles II to William Penn (Pennsylvania and Delaware). Our presenter will provide an overview of those disputes, the survey process and intent, and what it means for genealogical research.

(Images: Map of Mason-Dixon Line and illustration of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon surveying the line. Text and images from Wikipedia.)

Jacob Eubanks, MLS, manages the History and Genealogy Department at St. Louis County Library in Missouri. He writes and lectures on a variety of topics with emphasis on Colonial migration to Appalachia, the Midwest, and the Great Plains.

Register on our website to join us for this discussion. If you have a question that you want to ask, feel free to email it to us in advance at

info@pennpalam.org or pennsylvaniapalatines@gmail.com.



2024 FamilySearch Library Research Trip

The PalAm annual research trip to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City will be held in from September 8 – 15, 2024. The registration fee provides 7 nights of accommodations at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel which is only a two minute walk to the library. A block of rooms has been reserved and are available on a first-come, first served request. All travel and meal expenses are the responsibility of attendees. The hotel rate is provided at a significant discount based on regular room rates.

The library was closed for a significant period of time during the COVID pandemic and during that time made a number of upgrades to make the research experience more comfortable.

If you have never been to the FamilySearch Library, going with a group can be a beneficial experience. While it is true that a growing number of records are available online on the FamilySearch website and other genealogy websites, I truly believe that making a trip to the library can provide you with resources that are not available to you from home.

Unless you are a member of the LDS church many of the films for Germany are not viewable at home. Instead you must go to either a FamilySearch Center or Affiliate Library to view these films. Those films that have these restrictions are all viewable at the FamilySearch Library. Also, there are research experts in different specialties (including Germany) that can assist you with your research plan and also translate documents. Perhaps one of the overlooked benefits is the extensive collection of books, periodicals, and maps available. The section of books from Germany covers several hundred linear feet. Another benefit that library visitors can utilize is the ability to scan books. The library has at least three different types of book scanners. You can also convert many forms of analog format (photographs, CDs, VCR, cassette, 8 track and reel-to-reel tapes, etc.) to digital format at no cost.

Salt Lake City has an excellent public transportation system (TRAX) with a stop directly in front of the hotel. The major downtown area is a free zone within this system.

We would like you to join us next year!

For registration information about the trip, see the flyer on the next page.

If you have any questions, contact Kent Robinson, the group leader, at nekero@aol.com

2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Annual Membership Meeting for Palatines to America will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. In past years, the meeting was held in person or as part of a PalAm National Conference or IGGP Conference. In 2023, we tried to make participation in the meeting available to as many members of the Society as possible. However, because the cost of audio/visual transmissions has risen so much in recent years, the Governing Board has decided to reduce cost by holding the Annual Membership Meeting separate from other Conferences. To make participation in the meeting available to as many members as possible, the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting will be held virtually. A Zoom link will be provided to the membership so many members can take part in the business and awards during the meeting. As required by PalAm's Bylaws, the membership will be informed of the business (such as election of officers and budget) prior to the meeting.





PALATINES TO AMERICA
German Genealogy Society
FAMILYSEARCH LIBRARY RESEARCH
TRIP



SEPTEMBER 8 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Friday, & Saturday: 9 AM – 6 PM; Tuesday – Thursday: closes @ 8 PM
 The International Desk has a staff of experts in German genealogy who can assist with reading micro-filmed or digitized German records.

Orientation, FSL classes as scheduled, sharing with group members, and more.

Ability to digitize many kinds of media at no charge

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: \$490 per person [includes taxes]

Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: \$925 [includes taxes]

Standard King: \$835 [includes taxes]

Registration AFTER June 1:

Deluxe Double Queen: \$515 per person [includes taxes]

Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: \$950 [includes taxes]

Standard King: \$860 [includes taxes]

Non-members of PalAm: add \$50 per person to ALL above rates

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

Deposits refunded in full until July 1; \$25 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 Tour Organizer, Kent Robinson at neker0@aol.com

Make checks payable to **Palatines to America.**

Mail to: Gary Martzolf, Treasurer; 3971 Lindbergh Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44718-2869

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

Name: _____

Roommate (if any) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Check Enclosed \$ _____ Room type (please circle): Deluxe Dbl Queen —or— Standard King



PalAm Membership and Webmaster Apprenticeships

I intend to retire as Membership Registrar and Webmaster in July 2025. This sounds like a long time from now, but it gives us plenty of time to find replacement people for those positions. It is up to you, the members of Palatines to America, to help find these volunteers.

The Membership Registrar is vital for maintaining the member data including updated contact information, new member applications, and renewals for both national and the chapters. If you are a person who thrives on accuracy and are willing to learn how the database technology works, you can work with me as an apprentice and try it out.

The best candidates will already understand how databases function. This is more than Excel spreadsheets. If you have worked with library catalogs or other data management systems, you would be a good candidate. You will also need to learn PalAm policies and why the database includes particular data fields.

We can start with an introductory Zoom session where I will show you some of the bits and pieces and you can decide if this is something you are interested in learning. You will have more than a membership year, including the Renewal Season, to become proficient and ready to take over in July 2025. There can be more than one apprentice, so if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact me and we'll talk more about what this entails.

The Webmaster keeps the website updated, currently using the WildApricot system. WildApricot provides extensive "how to" documentation. Because it is a system developed with an internal membership module, it is convenient for us to use. It is possible that over time, PalAm would decide to find a different system that might fit our needs even better.

A webmaster apprentice could focus on only one of several modules. There could be one person as Events Manager, another for Store Manager, and one overall administrator. These are positions for those of you with a "techie" background. Have you maintained a web site? Have you edited web documents? Do you know HTML or other web-oriented codes? There are a multitude of possibilities for improving the website that can be explored.

Let me know if you have any interest in exploring the possibility of working on our website and I will set up a Zoom with you and give you more details.

Palatines to America is a volunteer-based organization, and I am grateful for volunteers who have already been helpful. Come July 2025, we don't want Membership or the Website to suddenly quit working.

--Karen Zimmerman, membership@palam.org



PALATINES TO AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Year: 1 October to 30 September

Your member number can be found on the mailing label of any mailed publication.
New members will be assigned their member number.

Name (Mem1)	Member #
Name (Mem2)	Member #
Street Address	
City/State/Postal Code	Country if not USA
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