



# Indiana Chapter Palatines to America

*German Genealogical Society*

## Fall Meeting

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**Athenaeum—Willkie Room**

**401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis**

Parking available Athenaeum Parking Lot for \$1 (tokens provided at meeting)  
Parking lot entrance on east side of building from Michigan Street (one-way west)

**Registration 9:00 AM-9:30 AM; Program 9:30 AM-3:00 PM**

### ***FamilySearch—An Asset for German Research***

#### ***Featured Speakers: Alexa & Frank Merrill***

Directors of Fishers Family History / Family Search Center, Fishers, Indiana

- **FamilySearch—General Search Tips, Database Information (focus on German resources) & Wiki (focus on German resources)**
- **FamilySearch Family Tree**
- **FamilySearch Q&A [an open-ended opportunity for those attending to ask specific questions about various features of FamilySearch]**

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**INDIANA CHAPTER—PALATINES TO AMERICA—FALL 2014 WORKSHOP**

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**Registration: \$15 (Pal-Am Member); \$20 (non-Pal-Am member or Pal-Am member AFTER Sept. 13)**

*NOTE:* Registration does **not** include lunch

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ # ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] LEU Certificate needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Library

Are you planning to eat at Athenaeum? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to: Indiana Chapter Pal-Am. Questions: [indianapalam@gmail.com](mailto:indianapalam@gmail.com)

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## Fall Meeting – Sept. 27, 2014

### AGENDA

**9:00 AM — 9:30 AM REGISTRATION**

**9:30 AM — 9:45 AM WELCOME**

**9:45 AM — 10:45 AM SESSION 1 — FamilySearch—General Search Tips, Database Information (focus on German resources) & Wiki (focus on German resources)**

**10:45 AM — 11:00 AM BREAK**

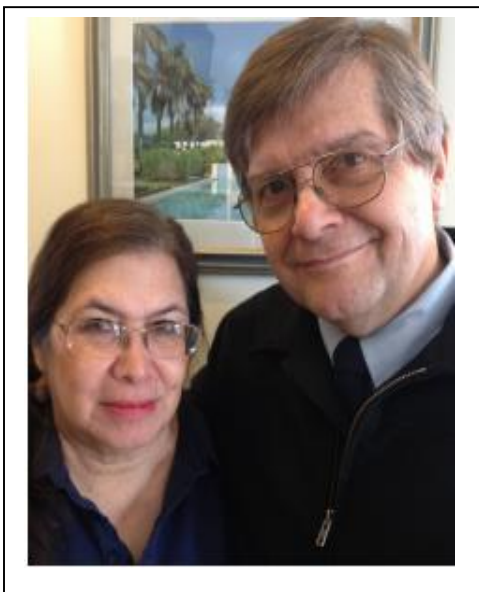
**11:00 AM — 12:00 PM SESSION 2 — FamilySearch Family Tree**

**12:00 PM — 1:30 PM LUNCH at Athenaeum in Rathskeller (own expense)**

**1:30 PM — 2:30 PM SESSION 3 — FamilySearch Q&A [an open-ended opportunity for those attending to ask specific questions about various features of FamilySearch]**

**2:30 PM — 3:00 PM SESSION 4 — Learn about the Fishers Family History Center**

Certainly all of us have used FamilySearch at some point in our research. However, just like any other website, they are always making changes and offering new features. Therefore, if you have not visited or used the website recently, you may find it less familiar than before and not be aware of some of the new features that can enhance your genealogical research. These sessions will provide you with information you need to get the most out of its features and equally important give you an opportunity to ask your questions about the website. We can all learn something during each of these informative sessions from someone who deals with the website on a continual basis.



Frank and Alexa Merrill are currently the Directors of the Fishers Indiana Family History/ FamilySearch Center. They have both been involved in Family History Research for many years. Frank is from Indianapolis, graduated from Lawrence Central High School, received his BS degree from Brigham Young University, and recently retired the family business, Merrill Stage Equipment, which was located, since 1946, in Broad Ripple. He has also been involved for many years with the Civil Air Patrol, past Commander of the Titan and the Weir Cook Cadet Squadrons, and is the Indiana Wing Director of Aerospace Education. Alexa was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, graduated from the Kamehameha Schools and also received her BA degree from Brigham Young University. She is a real estate broker and has been associated with Carpenter Realtors here in Indianapolis for the last 15 years. But most importantly to them, are their 6 children and 15, (soon to be 16) grandchildren, who are scattered between California, Utah, Indiana and Kentucky. One of Frank's 2nd great grandfather's, Karl Ludwig Aldag, born in Obernkirchen, Hessen-Nassau, Prussia, was one of the charter members of the First Lutheran Church at New York and East Streets, and some other family names include: Braeckle, Dieber, Eberhardt, Gamerdinger, Gielow, Hirschman, Linstaedt, Schaaf, and Westphal. Alexa's ancestors all emigrated to Hawaii prior to 1900 from New Zealand, China, England, Scotland, Sweden and Germany and her family names include Keller, Schaefer, Starkloff, Thoene, and Wiebke,