PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Roberta Newcomer
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As we enter the last quarter of 2019, exciting plans for 2020 are underway. In August the Board approved the budget for the Pal-Am National Conference to be held June 17 – 20 in the Netherland Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. I attended the Ohio Chapter Board meeting in July where members were enthusiastic about hosting the Conference. President Linda Dietrich has been working with the hotel and has secured a host of local speakers to share their knowledge on a variety of topics of interest to genealogists. Past President Tom Gerke lined up the main speakers, Daniel Jones and Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. Vice President Lori Poch is heading up the sponsorship campaign. More were interested in getting involved as the plans progress. Two pre-Conference events are also being planned. Past Pal-Am President Kent Robinson is offering a day-long session on Wednesday (6/17) in the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County titled “Key Essentials of German Genealogy.” On Thursday (6/18) Dr. Heinrich Tolzmann will lead a tour of the “Over-the-Rhine” district where German immigrants lived, worked, prayed and played.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

5 Oct  Indiana Chapter Pal-Am Fall Meeting, "DNA Basics."
Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. See page 5.

5 Oct  NY Chapter Pal-Am Fall Meeting, Speaker Teresa Steinkamp McMillan. Hilton Garden Inn
Albany Airport, Albany-Shaker Rd. Further information to on page 6.

12 Oct  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am Fall Seminar, Speaker James M. Beidler. Four sessions. Please see page 7.

1-2 Nov  Colorado Chapter Pal-Am Fall Seminar, Speaker Dr. Roger Minert. Denver Public Library,
lower level conference center. Further information on page 8.

2020

17-20 Jun  Palatines to America National Conference, "Cross the Bridge to Yesterday," Cincinnati, OH
Save the Date! Further information to follow. See page 3.

20-26 Sep  Pal-Am Family History Library Trip, Salt Lake City. Save the Date!

NGS AND FGS ANNOUNCE INTENT TO MERGE

In August, the boards of the National Geological Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies
(FGS) announced their intent to merge. The two organizations, both non-profit leaders in the dynamic genealogy
industry, will form one consolidated group that will continue to operate as the National Genealogical Society.
Both boards approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and announced the news at the Opening Session
of the FGS Family History Conference in Washington, DC.

Leaders of both organizations believe this merger will serve the genealogy community by improving support of
both individual members and societies in the pursuit of genealogical excellence.

The organizational structure of NGS will be modified to increase functions that support genealogical societies
and family organizations. Digitization projects of genealogical importance such as the War of 1812 pensions will
continue. The two organizations will continue to operate independently while all details of the merger are com-
pleted, no later than October 1, 2020.
CROSS THE BRIDGE TO YESTERDAY

PALATINES TO AMERICA INVITES YOU TO THEIR NATIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 17–20, 2020
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY SESSION WITH KENT ROBINSON: KEY ESSENTIALS OF GERMAN GENEALOGY

THURSDAY TOUR OF OVER-THE-RHINE DISTRICT, LED BY DR. DON HEINRICH TOLZMANN:
CROSS THE CANAL (THE RHINE) TO WHERE OUR GERMAN IMMIGRANTS LIVED, WORKED, PRAYED, AND PLAYED

FRIDAY SESSIONS WITH DANIEL JONES:
RECORD TYPES & RESOURCES, USING NON-PARISH REGISTERS, SWISS RESEARCH, AND USING GEOGRAPHY IN YOUR RESEARCH

SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH DR. MICHAEL D. LACOPO:
GERMAN IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN 18TH CENTURY, IDENTIFYING GERMAN ORIGINS, GERMAN GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET, OVERCOME BRICK WALLS IN PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 2019 AT WWW.PALAM.ORG

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In Cincinnati

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Payment must be received by October 31, 2019 to be included in Conference Registration Materials
Indianapolis Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
Free parking in Liederkranz lot on the east side of their building
NOTE: Enter lot from Washington St. onto McKim Ave. (1 building east of Liederkranz)
Registration 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM; Program 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM

All presentations given by representatives of CIDIG
(Central Indiana DNA Interest Group)
Angela Gunzi, Denise Anderson-Decina, Andrea Ackermann, and Steven Frank

Session One – Beginning with the Basics All you need to know about doing DNA testing. Why should you incorporate DNA into your genealogy toolbox? We will explain the different types of DNA tests and what makes each DNA testing company unique including their ethnicity reports. Also, we will discuss who you should test, getting informed consent, and the probability of finding ‘surprises’ with your results.

Session Two – Ancestry.com DNA Walkthrough AncestryDNA recently updated their website. This session will walk you through creating trees, finding and using the cM measurement to estimate relationships, using tree tags, creating groups, using thru lines, messaging your matches and so much more.

Session Three – Meet the Relatives So you have your matches... what now? Learn tricks and tips to sort your matches, identify their relationships, identifying your matches even if they don’t have don’t have trees. We will be exploring matches not only at Ancestry but also FamilyTreeDNA, My Heritage, Living DNA and 23andMe.

Session Four – Putting It all together See how DNA was used to solve German brick walls and then it’s your turn. What questions do you have about using DNA? Using DNA effectively is often confusing and is constantly changing. Take this opportunity to discuss DNA with our panel of speakers.

DNA Consultations - There also will be opportunities to sit down with one of our speakers and discuss your specific DNA results and any questions you might have. Those who would like to participate in a consultation are asked to send an e-mail to: indianapalam@gmail.com prior to the meeting. Consultations will be scheduled during breaks, between sessions, and during the lunch period. If all consultation opportunities are filled, you may schedule a consultation during one of the sessions, if desired. Assigned consultation times will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as opportunities exist.

Check payable to: Indiana Chapter Pal-Am. Questions: indianapalam@gmail.com
Registration: $20 (Pal-Am Member); $25 (non-Pal-Am member or Pal-Am member after September 14)
NOTE: Registration does not include lunch
NEW YORK CHAPTER
PALATINES TO AMERICA
FALL 2019 CONFERENCE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2019

The featured speaker at this conference is Mrs. Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG®. Teresa, author of “Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866: on Microfilm at the Family History Library, researches German ancestry and reads German script. She taught at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She created courses for Ancestry Academy and Legacy. The topics she will be speaking on are appropriate for beginner and novice genealogists:

- Oh Where, Oh Where are My Ancestors From?
- So, You’ve Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?
- Untangle the Web of German Websites
- The Voyages of Our German Immigrants

AGENDA:
8:30 – 9:00 AM – registration
9:00 – 11:15 AM – lectures
11:15 – 11:45 AM – NY State Chapter membership meeting
12:00 – 12:45 PM – included lunch
1:00 – 3:00 PM – lectures

LOCATION:
Hilton Garden Inn Albany-Airport
800 Albany – Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211
Price per night is $129.00. Reservations must be made by Sept 5th directly at the hotel (call 518-464-6666) to get this price.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: palamny@gmail.com

To REGISTER, complete and mail in the below registration form by Saturday, September 14, 2019. An additional late fee will be charged after this date and for all walk-ins. Cancellations must be received by September 27 to receive a full refund. The registration fee includes all lectures, a printed syllabus of the lectures and lunch. No meals will be available for walk-ins.

Mail registrations to:
NY Chapter – Palatines to America
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New Windsor, NY 12553

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The purpose of Palatines to America a German Genealogy Society is to promote the study of Germanic immigration to North America, to publish information of general interest, and to provide a means for members to exchange information and share research. For more information please visit: www.palam.org
The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America
2019 German Genealogy Fall Seminar
Saturday, October 12, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
with Speaker James M. Beidler
Four Sessions:

- Digging Pennsylvania Roots from your Desktop
- German Immigration Waves: Contrasts and Sources
- Mining the “Über-Sites” for German Ancestors
- Pennsylvania German Church Records

James M. Beidler is the author of four commercially published books and writes "Roots & Branches," a weekly newspaper column on genealogy that has had more than a thousand weekly installments published. He is also a columnist for German Life magazine and works as a research-reports editor for Legacy Tree Genealogists. Beidler contributes to periodicals ranging from The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine to Family Tree Magazine. He served as President of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors from 2010 to 2012. He sits on the selection committee for the Pennsylvania Digital Newspaper Project and Pennsylvania's State Historic Records Advisory Board. Beidler was born in Reading, PA, and raised in nearby Berks County, where he currently resides. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hofstra University in Long Island, NY, with a BA in political science in 1982.

Seminar will be held at Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 Jefferson Ave, US Route 42, Plain City, OH 43064
Fees include syllabus, seminar sessions, vendor showcase, Der Dutchman pastries, coffee and juice for breakfast and full Buffet lunch (Broasted Chicken and Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Noodles, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert).

If traveling from out of the area, we have a block of rooms for Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 500 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017. 614-766-9900 - Group Code SMERF

Questions? Please email tagerke@yahoo.com

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No refunds for cancellation after October 5, 2019

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Please copy this form to use for additional registrations!
The Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America and the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library present their Fall German Genealogy Seminar and Book Fair

Featuring

Dr. Roger P. Minert

Friday Afternoon, November 1, 2019, and Saturday all day, November 2, 2019

In the B-2 Conference Room of the Central Denver Public Library

10 West 14th Avenue, Denver, CO

Friday, November 1st

1:00 pm Registration and Book Fair

Note: There is NO FEE if you are attending this session ONLY, but please complete the registration form as seating is limited.

1:45 pm “Conducting Family History Research in Europe”
3:00 pm “German Training and Research Materials Found on FamilySearch”

Saturday, November 2nd

9:30 am Registration and Book Fair.

10:15 am “German Immigrants in American Church Records—An Update”
11:30 am “German Census Records 1816-1915”
1:15 pm “German Residential Registration Records”
2:45 pm “Surnames in German-Language Regions of Europe”

Dr. Roger P. Minert received a Ph.D from The Ohio State University in German language history and second language acquisition theory. He taught German language and history for 10 years, and then became a professional family history researcher, accredited by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for research in Germany and Austria. In 2003 he became a professor of Family History at Brigham Young University. He has over 160 publications, and has spoken to many family history conferences since 1991. He directs the research program, “German Immigrants in American Church Records”, and has recently published books on German census records, German residential registration, and how to conduct genealogical research in Austria. Several of Dr. Minert’s publications will be available at the Book Fair.

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I/We will attend the Seminar on Friday, Nov. 1st ____________ and/or Saturday, Nov. 2nd ________________

Number of registrations @ $35.00 each ___________ Total: ____________

As noted above, the FRIDAY seminar is FREE. The cost of materials for the Saturday Seminar is $35.00.

Make your check (no credit cards) payable to CO-PALAM, and mail it and the registration form to

Yvonne Schaefer, 3845 Brushland Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Questions: Contact Yvonne by email: kc3845@gmail.com or phone: 719-477-1018

/or/ Jean West by email: igopack@gmail.com or phone: 303-736-3697
PRESIDENT'S CORNER Continued

Registrants will choose from three tracks of speakers on Friday (6/19) and Saturday (6/20). At the Friday night banquet, Dr. Tolzmann will speak about the historic suspension bridge by John A. Roebling which is our logo for the Conference.

Registration for the Conference will begin in December. You won’t want to miss this special event. If you would like to be a sponsor of the Conference, please use the Sponsor Form on page 4.

Plans are also underway for the annual Family History Library Tour in Salt Lake City. Leader Kent Robinson announced that the dates for the tour are September 20-26, 2020. Mark your 2020 calendar!

Your National Pal-Am needs volunteers!

Newsletter Editor – Lynn Patterson has served as Patter Editor for many years and wishes to pass it to someone new. See the ad below.

Historian/Archivist – The responsibilities include the retention of records in the Resource Center and accumulating records from the Chapters. Volunteer should live in Central Ohio. If interested, contact me at palampresrn@gmail.com

Resource Center Volunteer – The responsibilities are generally whatever is needed like filing new documents and shredding old documents. Volunteer should live in central Ohio. If interested, contact Carol Chafin at cechafin@gmail.com

EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE PALATINE PATTER

It is with regret that I have indicated my intention to resign as Patter Editor to the Board of Directors. I will gladly help anyone in becoming familiar with this job. The Patter is currently set up in Microsoft Publisher and distributed online as a pdf. A pdf is also sent to our printer for distribution to those that wish – and pay for – a printed copy.

Responsibilities include communication and receipt of articles and information for the Patter. Layout, design and proofreading. Production of pdf files for distribution requires computer and internet capability.

Please contact me at palampatter@gmail.com or Publications Chair Becky Thornton at rthornton07@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Lynn Patterson

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IN MEMORIAM

ANNE L. RODICK

Anne Rodick, 93, passed away in March 2019. Born February 10, 1926, in Crider, Kentucky, she was a longtime member of Palatines to America. She graduated in 1943 from Scott High School in Toledo, OH. She also was a 1983 graduate of Indiana University with a B.A., and received a Master of Arts from the same institution in 1990. She & her husband, Rodger, were married February 4, 1954 in Tangiers, Morocco.

Anne received the Harvey Harsh award from Pal-Am in 2001. She was National Vice President in 1982-1989, National Corresponding Secretary from 1991-2000, National Chapter Communications Chair and Awards Committee Chair. Since 1981, she was a Life member of the Indiana Chapter, and was the Indiana Chapter newsletter editor from 1985-1994. She had been on the editorial board for the Palatine Immigrant for almost 20 years. She was also the person you wanted to proofread your work. She was well loved and respected by all who knew her.

Additionally, Anne was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Bloomington Chapter. She was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1992 and member of the First Families of Kentucky, Germanna Foundation, Kentucky Historical Society, Louisville Genealogy Society and Bloomington Genealogy Society. In 2008, she received the Governor’s Award in the Volunteer Category for Outstanding Contributions to the Preservation of Indiana’s Historic Records.

2019 PAL-AM FHL RESEARCH TRIP - REVIEW

by Kent Robinson, Group Leader

Mark your calendars now to reserve time for next year’s trip which will be from September 20-26.

Registration information should be available by early January 2020.

This year’s annual Pal-Am Family History Library [FHL] research trip to Salt Lake City was from September 15-22. A total of 15 individuals took advantage of the reduced hotel rate and camaraderie of a small group.

We assembled on Sunday evening for our initial get-together. The following changes to the library include: (1) the library is now open on Monday from 8 AM – 9 PM. (2) microfilm is no longer being returned to drawers, but placed on red shelves at the end of the microfilm sections. (3) meal service no longer available at the Church Office Building cafeteria via a voucher from the library. The customary Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal on Thursday evening would not be held the week of our visit due because of recording.

Members of our group concentrated on various aspects of their research—much of it in Germany, but also in other regions or even in the United States. Although FamilySearch is close to reaching its goal of fully-digitizing its microfilm collection, there are still major reasons to travel to the FHL. Due to the necessity to renegotiate contracts pertaining to digital rights, access to the digital images is generally restricted to some extent for German films. If you are unable to view images from home, these restrictions fall into one of three categories: (1) available for viewing at a Family History Center or affiliate library; (2) requirement to sign on as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; or (3) indication that these images are not available for viewing at this time. Another real benefit of going to the FHL is the availability of true experts in German (and other regional) research who can properly direct you and also their ability to translate documents for you.

We ended with a group dinner at the Garden Restaurant on the 10th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building with a fabulous view of Temple Square. The building itself is a true architectural gem with a wonderful interior. Everyone seemed to have a great time and general success with regard to their research.
Our German and Swiss ancestors were fleeing their homeland because of wars, a shortage of land, and for religious freedom. Living conditions were deplorable. Beginning in 1730, the first settlers from Germany and Switzerland came from a section of Germany called the Rhineland-Palatinate. This area was the center of German life in the middle ages when it was the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. In the thirteenth century, it formed a part of Bavaria.

The Thirty Years War ended in 1648, leaving the Palatinate devastated by religious conflict, diminishing the population from five hundred thousand to fifty thousand. Pillaging raids ordered by Louis XIV of France followed the Thirty Years War, which in turn, was followed by the War of the Palatinate (1688-1699). As a result, the state religion changed with its rulers. The Palatines were forced to change their religion four times during this period. Between 1618 and 1700, the area was laid waste six times, causing three generations of Palatines to suffer the destruction of war (Source: Annals of Edgefield District, S.C., Special Bicentennial Issue, 1785-1985, pp. 4-5).

The inhabitants of the Rhineland-Palatinate section had become Protestants during the Reformation, but during and after the War of the Spanish Succession, they were persecuted because of their religion. Thousands were driven to foreign lands to seek food and shelter when their homes were burned, property confiscated, and the entire country sacked and destroyed. Those who remained continued to be oppressed because of their religion, wretched political conditions, over population, poor crops, heavy tax burdens, and other causes, contributing to their desire to emigrate (Source: The Palatines of Londonborough, by Hortense Woodson). In May 1707, during the War of the Spanish Succession, Marshal Villars, a General of Louis XIV of France, crossed the Rhine and plundered from the citizens of the Palatinate, leaving them bankrupt in every respect. The Palatinate was occupied in September of 1707 by the French as well. When the French left, the people were drained of supplies, resources, and money.

Besides the occupations and invasions of the wars, the winter of 1708 was particularly harsh. The extreme cold from October to March made it difficult to feed or warm their families. Being in such a weakened state financially, many did not have homes to shelter in, causing a number to die. The fruit trees and vines were frozen and killed by a blizzard in February, 1709. This resulted in the loss of the fruit crop—a blow from which they would not recover. Our ancestors were fleeing their homelands because of wars, a shortage of land, and for religious freedom. A Swiss promoter brought approved settlers from Switzerland and the Palatinate to the Orangeburg Township of South Carolina in 1732 and some settled near Savannah, Georgia. The Burkhalters were among those who came. They descended from our 10th great-grandfather, Christian Burkhalter, born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1539. Later, a grandson, Christian Burkhalter, moved to Edgefield, where he married Mary Eva Fleeke, in 1766, one of the Palatines from Germany.

The Plight of the Poor Palatines: Around 1764, a German officer by the name of Colonel John Henry Christian de Stumpel offered the desperate Palatines passage to Nova Scotia and one hundred acres of land per person. About four hundred Protestants from the Palatine region of Germany fell into the scam of Colonel de Stumpel, who, for a fee, promised to take them to Nova Scotia. They walked through Holland, the people giving them assistance along the way. From Holland, they boarded a boat to London.

When they arrived in London, many could not pay the fare. Over a hundred were not allowed to leave the ship until their fare was paid. In a deplorable condition, they were starving, ill, and living in filth when they were rescued by kind Englishmen who paid their fare so they could leave the boat. To make matters worse, de Stumpel, to whom they had given their money for passage to Nova Scotia, was nowhere to be found in London. Left destitute, the poor homeless, penniless Palatines were befriended by the pastor of St. George’s German Lutheran Church in London. He enlisted the help of the English, who provided food and other necessities for the refugees. They set up tents for them to live in behind the church in an area called Goodman’s Field. When King George III learned of their plight, he provided passage to the New World, gave them arms to use when they got there, and a promise of land grants.
After a ten-week voyage, the first of three ships of Palatines, the *Dragon*, arrived at the port of Charles Town in the Carolina Province, on December 14, 1764. Two days later the *Union* arrived with our ancestors on board: the *Zimmermans*, *Fleekes*, and *Dorns*. Their ship had fared far better than the *Dragon*. Whereas twenty had died in route on the *Dragon* and twenty more within three days of arrival, not including children under two years of age, only three children died on the *Union* and two were born. The third ship, *The Planters Adventure*, carried only a few passengers and the baggage of the rest of the group. It did not arrive until February 12th, causing considerable inconvenience for the new arrivals to be without their belongings for nearly two months.

Of the 374 Palatines that sailed from London aboard the three ships, only 353 reached their destination. Of those, 131 were under fourteen years of age. Within six weeks after their arrival in Charles Town, at least forty-four more, including fifteen children, died from their illnesses. Only 309 of the original group remained to find their way to the new life they had dreamed about and traveled so far to experience.

**Londonborough Township:** With the arrival of the Palatines from Germany in 1764, **Lieutenant Governor Bull** of the Carolina Province directed **Patrick Calhoun**, who lived nearby, to survey twenty-two thousand acres for a township for the newcomers on the banks of Hard Labor and Cuffetown Creeks. **Governor Bull** instructed **Calhoun** to have a large log structure built for temporary housing at the spot designated for their settlement to be ready when the first settlers arrived.

The new township, named Londonborough, in honor of the London gentlemen who contributed to the transportation of the Palatines, was located south or southwest of the present “Powder Spring,” a well-known mineral spring used as a source of drinking water. The group of settlers from the *Dragon*, the first ship to arrive, set out for the Londonborough settlement on January 19, 1765. There were fourteen men with families (a total of fifty persons).

The journey from Charles Town to Londonborough was no small undertaking. Roads were rough tracks cut through thick forests only wide enough to permit passage of a wagon drawn by four horses to haul their baggage. All able-bodied members of their party walked. Without bridges, fording streams was hazardous. When the waters were too high, they had to wait for them to recede. Crossings were always difficult and dangerous. Upon arrival at Londonborough, they were housed in the large log building along with their belongings until individual families could build huts. As soon as their huts were built, the large log house was used as a community center and place of worship.

Relatively few families settled within Londonborough Township. Nothing now remains of the settlement except traces of a graveyard and a large flat stone which lay at the entrance of the Community House. Even though the German colony at Londonborough was temporary, hundreds of their descendants, like their forebears, have been “very useful and orderly members of the community.” Nearly two hundred years after the first group of Palatines came, the above marker was unveiled on November 1, 1964, commemorating the Londonborough settlement. Located beside State Highway 48 near Powder Spring, it was erected by the Edgefield and Greenwood County Historical Societies. The West German government, through its embassy in Washington, sent a color guard to participate in the unveiling ceremony. Flags from three countries—Germany, Great Britain, and the United States of America—were flown at the scene (Source: Greenwood County Sketches—Old Roads about Early Families, by Margaret Watson).

To be concluded in the next issue of the Patter

Editor’s note: This article is written from a different point of view. Told anecdotally, it references local persons of Edgefield, SC heritage, without the source documentation that we usually see. Please enjoy reading this article and learn a bit more of our Southern "relations."
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Referring to the highest award given by Pal-Am, The Harvey Harsh Award
Harvey E. Harsh
1902-1981

Harvey E. Harsh, third president of Palatines to America, passed away at his home in Lafayette, Indiana on August 3, 1981. President Harsh was one of the first to join our Society after it was founded at Columbus, Ohio during July 1975. He was enthusiastic member from the beginning. He spoke to the Ohio Chapter at one of the early meetings in 1976 on the subject, “Founding A Family Genealogical Society” and accepted a commitment to organize the growing number of Indiana Palatine members into another chapter. This, he quickly accomplished so that the Indiana Chapter had a robust organization to host the Annual Meeting of our Society in June 1977. One of the Hoosier cohorts described him as “The Human Dynamo”.

It was at the 1977 Annual Meeting that Reverend Harsh (he was Associate Pastor at Emmanuel United Church of Christ at Lafayette, Indiana at the time) became an officer of Pal-Am, he being elected Vice President, Rev. Harsh was instrumental in bringing about a third Palatine chapter, in the state of Pennsylvania. He also served on the committee to revise the Constitution and he helped fill vacancies in the national offices of Treasurer and Membership-Registrar. He traveled extensively, shouting the praises of Palatines to America to genealogists in Missouri and other places.

Rev. Harsh was elected President of Palatines to America on June 16th, 1979 at the Annual Meeting held at Grantham, Pennsylvania. During his two year term, memberships rose from 1050 to 1457, steps were taken toward a fourth chapter in Illinois, and the Ancestor Charts, Part 1, were published in four installments as a part of “Patter”, our newsletter.

During November 1980 President Harsh was stricken with cancer. He carried out his responsibilities to the organization during his illness. He truly left his mark on many people.

Rev. Harsh was born at Robertsville, Ohio. He graduated from Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio and Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio. He served churches in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan, and was always helping others to follow clues toward finding their own villages.

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