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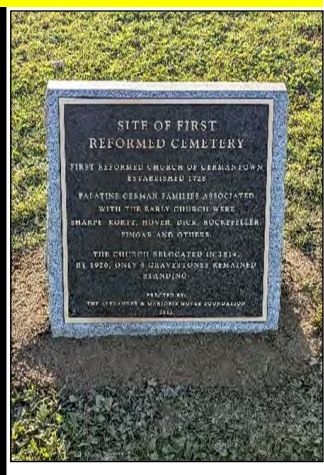
First Reformed Church, Germantown NY by Thomas Shannon

The Germantown History Department is happy to announce the installation of a new monument marking the **First Reformed Cemetery**, originally called the **Calvinist Church Burying Ground**. A generous grant from the Alexander and Marjorie Hover Foundation and the assistance of the Germantown Library made the monument a reality. Kol-Rocklea Memorials of Red Hook did the work. The cemetery is located on the southern bend of Sharp's Landing Road. Sharp's Landing and adjacent roads course through the **old Palatine village called Queensbury**, home to the original Lutheran and Reformed churches. Both relocated to more up-and-coming parts of town in the 1810s.

Franklin Ellis, in his 1878 History of Columbia County, NY, described the state of the Reformed cemetery thus: "The Reformed church, as already described, stood east of the burial-ground, the latter occupying the slope and a portion of the top of the hill. This is now a desolate-looking place. Perhaps a neglected graveyard is, of all other places, the one most calculated to awaken feelings of sadness. There are a few stones left here some with inscriptions scarcely readable, but of rare interest to the antiquarian. The **Sharp family** are buried here, and many others, even some of quite a modern date. When will the church honor themselves and honor the memory of the fathers by surrounding this sacred place with a strong fence, and save it for future years? The consecration of new and beautiful cemeteries with the adornments of modern times is proof of a high and noble feeling in the hearts of the people. But why neglect the old burial-places of the fathers?" The Rockefeller Family Association, at their 1911 annual meeting, outlined plans to have the "rich descendants" fence off the cemetery and erect a monument to their ancestor, **Johann Thiel "Diell" Rockefeller, Sr.** This monument was planned to be on par with the monument erected in 1906 to Diell's first cousin, **Johann Peter Rockefeller**, at Amwell, NJ. This never came to be, however.

Johann Conrad Weiser, Jr., better known to history as **Conrad Weiser**, was among the Palatines living at Queensbury as a teenager in 1710. He wrote in his 1737 **Narrative of a Journey from Tulpehocken to Onandago**: "The following winter (1710), namely in December, my youngest brother **Johann Frederick**, died about the sixth year of his age and was buried in **Lovenstein's Busch** as we said then. He was the first who was buried in the church yard where the Reformed Church now stands." Former Town of Germantown and Columbia County Historian, Walter V. Miller, took a photograph of the remaining headstones and transcribed the legible ones sometime around 1920. His transcriptions are documented in **Arthur C.M. Kelly's Settlers and Residents of Germantown, Volume I**. Below are all the known burials at the site though these are just a fragment of the total number (source: Ellis)

- Peter Sharp**, Feb. 17th, 1781 (source: Ellis)
 - Wife of Peter Sharp**, died Nov. 30th, 1780 (source: Ellis)
 - Jacob Moore**, July 3rd, 1811 (source: Ellis and Miller/Kelly)
 - Rachel Ham**, wife of Jacob Moore, 1814 (source: Miller/Kelly)
 - John Cooper** (source: Miller/Kelly)
 - Philip Rockefeller** (source: Miller/Kelly)
 - Mat Stupplebeen** (source: Miller/Kelly)
 - S.D.**, March 1788 (source: Miller photo in newspaper)
- Gravestone fragment written in German (still exists at the History Dept.)
Johann Frederick Weiser, 1711 (Conrad Weiser's relative)
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NY Chapter meeting

Saturday May 6

Buffalo, NY



The Palatines to America NY Chapter Spring meeting will be held on **Saturday May 6, 2023**. This meeting will be hybrid, with both in person and via Zoom attendance available.

Our day will start at 9am at the **St. Louis Church** on the corner of Main and Edward Streets in Buffalo. There is free parking in the rear parking lot of the church on Edward Street. Here, **Michael Riester, MA, MSW**, church archivist and PalAm member will give us a historical tour of the church and its museum. Michael will shed light on how religion influenced the lives of our German American ancestors and how these ancestors influenced the church.

Michael A. Riester is a descendent of one of Buffalo's earliest German and French pioneer families. Michael holds a BA in Modern Languages from Canisius College, an M.A. in Theology from the Washington Theological Union where he concentrated in ecclesiastical history, and an MSW from the University of Buffalo. Mr. Riester's masters thesis was entitled "Lay Trusteeship at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo, New York." Since 1993, Michael serves as the archivist at St. Louis Church and co-edited Gothic Grandeur; A Rare Tradition in American Catholicism, a comprehensive history of St. Louis Parish. Riester is a familiar speaker on the German American and French Communities in Buffalo. He regularly conducts walking tours and has authored many articles on the local history of Western New York. As the archivist, Michael responds to requests from genealogists researching their Buffalo ancestors.

We will proceed to the lower level of the church for light refreshments and the day's presentation. Our featured speaker is **Bonnie Fleischauer, BA**, Bonnie has been a volunteer at Historic Concordia Cemetery for 20 years and she worked with a team of volunteers developing a database and researching those interred there. Bonnie has been instrumental in uncovering unrecorded gravestone markers, cleaning, deciphering and recording them. The cemetery does provide genealogy resources for those researching their families interred there. She presently serves on both the Cemetery and the Concordia Foundation Boards of Directors as their Public Information Officer. Bonnie holds a BA in Broadcasting, Journalism and Speech Communication from Buffalo State College.

Bonnie has been researching German American history and experiences for many years. Her pro-

gram discusses what it was like for our ancestors to be German-Americans during WWI. Paranoia and hysteria fueled by propaganda designed to generate support for the US to enter the war, along with President Wilson declaring all German citizens as "alien enemies," led to regular citizens spying on their neighbors and sometimes brutally attacking them. Many German Americans found themselves in internment camps. This era started the lessening of displays and traditions of the German culture in the US. Genealogy is more than names and dates; it is about understanding the times and lives of our ancestors. Bonnie's presentation will shed a very insightful picture of our German American ancestor's lives in the early 1900's.



Our chapter President, **Thomas Shannon**, will then lead us in our bi-annual membership meeting. We will have a short agenda most importantly is election of new officers.

We will then drive 2.1 miles to **Hofbräuhaus Buffalo** at 190 Scott Street, Buffalo for a German themed lunch. Everyone can order what they want off the menu at their own expense. This is optional but we need to reserve seats, please indicate if you will be joining us for lunch on your registration.

After lunch, we will drive 3.7 miles to the **Historic Concordia Cemetery**, 438 Walden Avenue, Buffalo. Here Bonnie Fleischauer and volunteers at the cemetery including PalAm member Diane Pesch Savaretti, will give us a tour and provide information about the German church communities that formed this cemetery. They will tell us stories of interesting and famous people interred there.

We look forward to you joining us, bring your family and friends.

See the flyer for more information.



Ancient DNA Reveals New Information about European Ancestry

A March 7, 2023 article, “*Ancient DNA Reveals History of Hunter-Gatherers*” in The New York Times by journalist Carl Zimmer summarizes two recent publications about research studies that “have produced the most robust analysis yet of the genetic record of prehistoric Europe”. Paleogeneticist, Vanessa Villalba-Mouco of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, is the author of both studies.

Researchers analyzed the DNA of 357 ancient Europeans. They discovered that there were several waves of hunter-gatherers who migrated into Europe. They concluded there were at least eight genetically distinct populations that coexisted in Europe for thousands of years, trading tools and sharing culture. The research team gave names to the groups: Fournol, Vestonice, GoyetQ2, Villabruna, Oberkassel and Sidelkino, among others. When these modern humans arrived in Europe, Neanderthals had already inhabited the continent for more than 100,000 years. Neanderthals disappeared about 40,000 years ago, possibly because these modern humans had more superior tools.

Modern humans arose in Africa and migrated to other continents about 60,000 years ago. In 2022, scientists found teeth from the oldest known modern human in a cave in France, dating about 54,000 years ago. The oldest DNA of modern humans in Europe dates back 45,000 years. This DNA belongs to a “lost branch of the human family tree” who migrated out of Africa but split off on their own before the ancestors of living Europeans and Asians split apart. They have almost no genetic link to later groups. So, it appears, the first modern humans in Europe disappeared along with the Neanderthals.

The oldest modern human culture in Europe is the Aurignacians, named for the cave paintings and figurines they crafted. About 33,000 years ago, as

the planet cooled, a new culture, the Gravettian arose across Europe known for the spears they made to hunt large game and the Venus figurines they crafted. Dr. Posth, a paleogeneticist at the University of Tübingen in Germany, found DNA from the Gravettian culture all over Europe in two distinct groups: the Fournol (France and Spain) and the Vestonice (Italy, the Czech Republic and Germany). The Fournol and Vestonice were two distinct separate migration waves into Europe. The Fournol people have a genetic link to a 35,000 year old Aurignacian found in Belgium. The Vestonice share an ancestry with 34,000 year old hunter-gatherers in Russia. They lived for thousands of

years sharing the Gravettian culture but remained genetically distinct. The new research revealed they did have contact with each other as 30,000 year old remains found in Belgium have both Fournol and Vestonice DNA. About 26,000 – 19,000 years ago, the Ice Age with advancing glaciers pushed tribes to migrate south. DNA of a 23,000 year old man in a cave in southern Spain revealed he was from the Fournals and had a genetic marker linking him to a 45,000 year old skeleton found in Bulgaria. No evidence of Vestonice ancestry has been found in Europeans after

the Ice Age. They may have survived for a time in Northern Italy but disappeared.

Dr. Posch, states that the post Ice Age period was a period of the peopling of Europe. The Fournals migrated north and are now named the GoyetQ2. The Villabruna, hunter-gatherers from the Balkans moved into Italy, replacing the Vestonice. About 14,000 years ago, the Villabruna migrated north across the Alps and encountered the GoyetQ2. From the mixing of these two cultures, a new group was formed, the Oberkassel. The Oberkassels are three parts Villabruna to one part GoyetQ2 ancestry.



14,000 year old skulls, one male and one female, found in western Germany. DNA retrieved suggests they belonged to a population of hunter-gatherers called the Oberkassel that expanded from Italy across northern Europe as the continent warmed.

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Mitgliedsnachrichten (member news)

Welcome to new NY chapter member Donna Shelp Barrett:

“Hi, my name is **Donna Shelp Barrett**, I grew up in Scranton, Pa and now live in Sea Cliff, NY. I picked up on research into the **Shelp** family done about 25 years ago by **Jack Williams**. I’m concentrating on the American Revolution period in the Mohawk area of New York. The various spellings of the Shelp name are **Schelf, Schelff, Schulpt, Shilift, Shillip, Shilp, Shellop, Shellup**. I’m pleased to be a member of this group.”

Do you have any of these names in your family tree? Please contact Donna at: dbarrett1067@gmail.com

We are saddened that due to unforeseen circumstances, Rita Parrish has had to resign as our chapter secretary. Rita assumed the secretary position in 2020. Prior to and during her term, she provided invaluable input into various chapter activities and projects. Her leadership skills provided guidance and momentum to our chapter, always keeping us on course. We wish her well and look forward to her continued membership in PalAm.

PalAm has lost one of it’s best. Long time member **Grace Saatman** passed on to be with her ancestors. Grace always had a presence at national and NY chapter events, everyone knew her, and she knew everyone. She proficiently took on leadership roles with both the national board and the NY chapter. She always smiled but she let you know when she was not happy with something. I first met Grace, years ago, when the NY chapter was having a meeting in Middleburgh, NY. The president was ill and couldn’t make the meeting. It was the first chapter meeting I had ever attended. I did not know anyone and walked into chaos. Grace quickly took charge and turned our day into organized chaos. She quickly asked who we were and put us to work. It was a memorable meeting. That started a friendship I will always cherish. Grace never hesitated to email or phone me to give me kind words of support and approval as I became more active in PalAm. I enjoyed listening to her genealogy stories and of her family memories in NY state. She asked me once about an old boyfriend of hers who lived in Buffalo, if I knew of him. She spoke of life in Ithaca and her travels to Germany to visit ancestral villages. Grace moved to Kentucky to be with her daughter but kept in touch. Last summer, she called to tell me she liked an article in the Yorker Palatine I wrote. We talked and she told me she just finished reading a book about Berlin and that she wanted to give it to me. A few days later, a package came with the book, it is on my prized book shelf. This past November, Grace emailed me, She wrote that she saw my husband and I pictured in a German publication and it was “fun” for her to see that we were out there “on behalf of the Germans”. She wrote on that she was sick and that she “scarcely can keep ahead of the pain”. Her final words were “It has been swell knowing good folks as you two”. All of us at PalAm can agree that it was Grace who was good. We will certainly miss her. Here’s a link to her obituary: [Grace A. Saatman Obituary 2023 - Lansing Funeral Home](#)



Linda Schmieder—Wopperer

Calling all members, at our May 6 meeting, we will be holding elections for NY chapter board members. It would be great to have you as part of our team! Terms for several of our board officers are ending and we need replacements. We have openings for: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors at Large. Please email Thomas Shannon at PalAmNewYorkPresident@gmail.com if you want to be part of a dynamic team. You do not need to live in NYS, We look forward to hearing from you.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Join fellow genealogists for upcoming educational events:

- Palatines to America has many upcoming events and presentations. Visit our webpage for additional information and to register: [German Genealogy Society - Palatines to America \(palam.org\)](http://palam.org)
- **May 6, 2023: NY Chapter membership meeting. See page 2 for more information.**
- **June 9—11, 2023:** International German Genealogy Partnership will be having it's bian-annual international conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Follow here for more information: [International German Genealogy Partnership - ☆ 2023 Conference \(iggpartner.org\)](http://iggpartner.org)
- **October 7, 2023: NY Chapter membership meeting. Details to be announced.**
- **June 6—9, 2024: National Palatines to America meeting. Will be hosted by our NY chapter in NY State. Details to be announced.**
- Family Search has an extensive list of educational opportunities. Click here to view their website: [Family History Library Classes and Webinars • FamilySearch](#)
- Legacy Family Tree webinars offers a library of free webinars. Click here to view the menu of videos: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars - live and recorded genealogy webinars](#)

Resources

The New York Chapter of Palatines to America is working together with the Germantown Library to get the letters and other papers included in the **Henry Z Jones Jr.** collection scanned and digitized. As part of this effort, we will provide a look up service as a pilot program for researchers who cannot get to Germantown, NY in person. Should the service prove popular, we will seek additional funding to continue the program. Watch for details from the New York Chapter in the future as we finalize this project. ■



On January 14, the Irish Palatine Special Interest Group (IP-SIG) of the Ontario Genealogical Society presented an online panel discussion regarding the Henry Z (“Hank”) Jones Palatine Collection in the Germantown (New York) Public Library. The panel consisted of Hank Jones himself, Thomas Shannon, and Garry Finkell. It was truly a tour de force! The audience peaked at 151, and the attendees were really engaged. The video of the webinar is now posted on the homepage of the IP-SIG. You are welcome to view the video for free at: <https://ip-sig.ogs.on.ca/>

Maps are a necessary tool for genealogists. **Vicky Johnson-Dahl** is a cartographer and Director at Large of the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS), and a Buffalo native. She has written 3 books that might be of value to those researching in Cleveland, Detroit or Buffalo. Each book uses 50 maps to provide a different perspective of these cities than a usual street map. Take a look here for additional information;—[Cleveland in 50 Maps](#), [Detroit in 50 Maps](#), and now the brand new [Buffalo in 50 Maps | Belt Publishing](#)

Schlegel's German Americans of New York by Joe Lieby

In 1916, Carl Schlegel published a book providing details on the family histories of a large number of German Americans connected with the State of New York. In format, it is similar to many "mug books" that were produced in that era. Families who could afford to be published in the two volumes provided information on their family history. It isn't known whether any of the details were verified by Mr. Schlegel. They probably were not. Some of the individuals included are historical figures such as Jacob Leisler, Nicholas Herkimer and Carl Shurz. Whether the biographical data was provided by descendants of these individuals is also not known. The descendance charts published in this newsletter are taken from the material included in Schlegel's volumes. No attempt has been made to modify or verify the details published by Mr. Schlegel. Therefore, be cautious when utilizing the information. Independent verification would be the prudent approach for any researcher. In some cases, corrected information found by me has been included in footnotes.



Descendants of Conrad Poppenhusen First Generation

1. Conrad Poppenhusen was born on 1 Apr 1818 in Hamburg, Germany, died on 21 Dec 1883 in College Point, Queens, NY at age 65, and was buried about 1884 in Hamburg, Germany. Conrad immigrated about 1843 to NY City. He was a founding partner in the Enterprise Rubber Works in 1854 in College Point, Queens, NY. He was elected as President of the Long Island Railroad on 11 Apr 1876. Conrad first married **Bertha Kaerker**, daughter of **Heinrich Kaerker** and **Bertha**, in 1840 in Germany. Bertha was born about 1820 in Hamburg, Germany and died on 18 Jun 1855 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY about age 35. Children from his marriage were:

- 2. Adolph Conrad Poppenhusen** born on 12 May 1842 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY
- 3. Herman C. Poppenhusen** was born on 25 Jul 1847 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY
- 4. Marie Poppenhusen** was born on 27 Dec 1849 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY
- 5. Alfred L. Poppenhusen** was born on 13 Dec 1850 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY.

Conrad next married **Caroline Huetterott** in 1857. Caroline was born on 28 Jan 1825 in Bremen, Germany and died in Apr 1903 in Hamburg, Germany at age 78. Children from this marriage were:

- 6. George Poppenhusen** was born on 14 May 1860 in College Point, Queens, NY and died on 14 May 1896.
- 7. Fritz Poppenhusen** was born on 11 Aug 1861 in College Point, Queens, NY. Fritz married **Emmie Amsink** (b. 25 Mar 1875) on 19 Apr 1900 in Hamburg, Germany.

Second Generation

2. Adolph Conrad Poppenhusen (*Conrad*¹) was born on 12 May 1842 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY and died on 27 Feb 1882 at age 39. He was employed in his father's business. Adolph married **Marie Kramer** before 1870. Marie was born on 9 Mar 1844 in Crefeld, Germany. Children from this marriage were:

- 8. Bertha Poppenhusen** was born on 15 Mar 1870.
- 9. Helene Poppenhusen** was born on 23 May 1872.

3. Herman C. Poppenhusen (*Conrad*¹) was born on 25 Jul 1847 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY and died on 1 Mar 1891 in Evanston, Illinois at age 43. Herman married **Caroline Funke**, daughter of **Herman Funke** and **Emilie**, on 5 Oct 1870 in NY City. Caroline was born on 17 Jun 1854 in College Point, Queens, NY. Children from this marriage were:

- 10. Conrad H. Poppenhusen** was born on 21 Jul 1871 in College Point, Queens, NY.
- 11. Paul Albert Poppenhusen** was born on 4 Nov 1873 in College Point, Queens, NY.
- 12. Herman A. Poppenhusen** was born on 4 Jan 1875 in College Point, Queens, NY.
- 13. Elsa Helen Poppenhusen** was born on 4 Nov 1879 and died on 10 Dec 1901 in Evanston, Illinois.

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4. **Marie Poppenhusen** (*Conrad*¹) was born on 27 Dec 1849 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY and died about 1870.

5. **Alfred L. Poppenhusen** (*Conrad*¹) was born on 13 Dec 1850 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY and died on 9 Sep 1887 at age 36. Alfred married **Anna H. Schwietering**, daughter of **William Howard Schwietering**, on 4 Mar 1875 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY. Anna was born on 30 Apr 1853 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY and died in 1934¹ at age 81. Children from this marriage were:

14. **Henry Conrad Poppenhusen** born on 19 Apr 1876 in College Point, Queens, NY.

15. **Alfred Poppenhusen** born on 29 Sep 1877 in College Point, Queens, NY.

16. **Madeline Poppenhusen** born on 24 Jan 1879 and died in 1886 at age 7.

17. **Kate Marie Poppenhusen** was born on 22 Aug 1880. Kate married **William Metcalfe Stone** (b. 12 Jun 1871) on 29 Oct 1904 in NY.

18. **Adolph Poppenhusen** was born about 1882.

6. **George Poppenhusen** (*Conrad*¹) was born on 14 May 1860 in College Point, Queens, NY and died on 14 May 1896 at age 36. George married **Amelia Fuches** on 8 Jul 1886. Amelia was born about 1862 in Warsaw, Poland. They had three sons and one daughter.

7. **Fritz Poppenhusen** (*Conrad*¹) was born on 11 Aug 1861 in College Point, Queens, NY. Another name for Fritz was **Fred** Poppenhusen. He had a residence in 1916 in Hamburg, Germany. Fritz married **Emmie Amsink**, daughter of **Martin Garlieb Amsink**² and **Susanne Catherine Gossler**,³ on 19 Apr 1900 in Hamburg, Germany. Emmie was born on 25 Mar 1875 in Germany. Another name for Emmie was **Susanne Emilie Amsinck**.³ They had three sons and one daughter.

Third and Fourth Generations

8. **Bertha Poppenhusen** (*Adolph Conrad*², *Conrad*¹) was born on 15 Mar 1870. She had a residence in 1916 in Berlin, Germany. Bertha married **Paul Brecht**. He became the Chief of medical staff of the German army after 1890 in Germany.

9. **Helene Poppenhusen** (*Adolph Conrad*², *Conrad*¹) was born on 23 May 1872. She had a residence in 1916 in Hamburg, Germany. Helene married **Carl Ullner**.

10. **Conrad H. Poppenhusen** (*Herman C.*², *Conrad*¹) was born on 21 Jul 1871 in College Point, Queens, NY. He was educated about 1888 in Kiel, Germany. He graduated from law school about 1893 in Union College (later called Northwestern Univ Law School) in Chicago. He was a founding partner in the law firm Gregory, Poppenhusen and McNab in 1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois. Conrad married **Harriet Gunn**, daughter of **Alexander H. Gunn** and **Emily Dyer**, on 25 Jun 1895. Harriet was born on 14 May 1872 in Illinois. Children from this marriage were:

19. **Conrad Herman Poppenhusen** was born on 13 Aug 1913 in Illinois.

20. **Anne Poppenhusen** was born on 7 Oct 1916 in Illinois.

11. **Paul Albert Poppenhusen** (*Herman C.*², *Conrad*¹) was born on 4 Nov 1873 in College Point, Queens, NY. He was educated in Kiel, Germany. He founded Green Engineering Company on 1 Jul 1896 in East Chicago, Indiana. He resided at Chicago Athletic Assoc.

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12. Herman A. Poppenhusen (*Herman C. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 4 Jan 1875 in College Point, Queens, NY. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, Massachusetts. He was employed at Green Engineering Company in 1898 in East Chicago, Indiana. He had a residence after 1898 in Hammond, Indiana. Herman married **Clara Dettrich** on 16 Nov 1898. Children from this marriage were:

21. Caroline Poppenhusen was born on 28 Feb 1900 in Indiana.

22. Eleanor Poppenhusen was born on 31 Jan 1903 in Indiana.

23. Marie Louise Poppenhusen was born on 27 Feb 1906 in Indiana and died in May 1907.

24. Clara Poppenhusen was born on 10 Oct 1908 in Indiana.

13. Elsa Helen Poppenhusen (*Herman C. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 4 Nov 1879 and died on 10 Dec 1901 in Evanston, Illinois at age 22. Elsa did not marry.

14. Henry Conrad Poppenhusen (*Alfred L. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 19 Apr 1876 in College Point, Queens, NY. He was educated at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. He founded a business that manufactured artificial flowers on 1 Sep 1900 in NY City. Henry married **Frances Louise Bronson**, daughter of **Rev. William A. Bronson** and **Matilda Arnold Russell**, on 25 May 1912. Frances was born on 2 Dec 1885. The child from this marriage was:

25. Henry Conrad Poppenhusen Jr. born on 9 Nov 1915.

15. Alfred Poppenhusen (*Alfred L. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 29 Sep 1877 in College Point, Queens, NY. He died "in early life."

16. Madeline Poppenhusen (*Alfred L. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 24 Jan 1879 and died in 1886.

17. Kate Marie Poppenhusen (*Alfred L. ², Conrad ¹*) was born on 22 Aug 1880. Kate married **William Metcalfe Stone** on 29 Oct 1904 in NY. William was born on 12 Jun 1871 in NY. He became a medical doctor. Children from this marriage were:

26. Charlotte Metcalfe Stone was born on 12 Sep 1907.

27. William Metcalfe Stone was born on 25 Aug 1911.

28. Anne Stone was born on 3 May 1914.

18. Adolph Poppenhusen (*Alfred L. ², Conrad ¹*) was born about 1882.

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Naturalizations for Germans

by Joe Lieby

The following records were extracted from the naturalization records for counties in NY. Records were included for some German regions even if not actually from Germany (eg Switzerland, or Alsace). The spelling of the name by the court clerk is listed first. If the spelling in the signature is different, it is included in square parentheses. Spelling of German place names may not be correct but have been extracted as spelled in the records. During this period, an individual was not required to file a Declaration of Intention if he came into this country while under the age of 21. Instead, when filing the Petition, a document was filed declaring that the individual entered the country under the age of 21. The Declaration was usually filed 3 to 7 years before a Petition. Some records contain a date of entry into the US. If so, it will be listed below. In the records abstracted below, **DI** and **NA** stand for the Declaration of Intention and the Petition for Naturalization, respectively. **FA** = former allegiance. **DOM** = Date of migration. Unless otherwise stated, the town of residence is in the county of the court.

Declarations, 1851, Onondaga County, FHL 5399422

Christian Klotz, FA: King of Prussia, DI: 8 Dec 1851.

C. Frederick King [König], FA: King of Prussia, DI: 8 Aug 1851.

Henry Kuhn, FA: King of Bairn, DI: 20 Jun 1851.

John Kratz, FA: Dutchy of Hesse Darmstadt, DI: 16 Apr 1851.

Peter Klink, FA: King of Bavaria, DI: 24 Jan 1851.

Alois Knecht, FA: Duke of Baden, DI: 21 Nov 1851.

John Frederick Lehr, FA: King of Wurtemberg, DI: 2 Dec 1851.

Joseph Leicht, FA: Duke of Baden, DI: 21 May 1851.

Conrad Losacker, FA: Duke of Nassau, DI: 5 May 1851.

Julius Longe, FA: King of Prussia, DI: 22 Apr 1851.

Sixtus Maear [Meyer], FA: King of Bern, DI: 16 Sep 1851.

Henry Leryson, FA: King of Wurtemberg, DI: 14 Oct 1851.

Frederick C. Miller [Moller], FA: Duke of Hesse Cas-
sel, DI: 5 Sep 1851.

Anthony Myers [Meyer], FA: Republic of France, DI: 17 Jul 1851.

Henry Minek, FA: Dutchy of Hesse Darmstadt, DI: 5 Nov 1851.

Charles Meyer, FA: King of Prussia, DI: 17 Jun 1851.

Nicholas Morgenstern, FA: King of Bavaria, DI: 10 May 1851.

John Rihlmann, FA: King of Prussia, DI: 26 Nov 1851.

Christian Rexer, FA: King of Wurtemburgh, DI: 16 Dec 1851.

Peter Renner, FA: Duke of Saxy Coburg, DI: 1 Dec 1851.

John M. Schwendner, F: King of Bern, DI: 16 Dec 1851.

Charles Schafer, FA: King of Saxony, DI: 23 Jun 1851.

Moritz Saler [Sailer], FA: Duke of Baden, DI: 12 Aug 1851.

Christopher Moss [Maas], FA: King of Prussia, DI: 27 Aug 1851.

Michael Mergele [Mellergele], FA: Duke of Baden, DI: 4 Dec 1851.

John Mutzemburger [Mutzenbecher], FA: King of Bern, DI: 13 Nov 1851.

Adam Mosier [Moesser], FA: Duke of Darmstadt, DI: 3 Feb 1851.

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Henry Ollerisk [Oelerich], FA: King of Prussia, DI: 23 Jun 1851.

Martin Pitku [Pittke], FA: King of Prussia, DI: 14 Jul 1851.

Lucas Riendmit? [Reinschmidt], FA: Grand Dutchy of Baden, DI: 29 May 1851.

Nicholas Usey [Duizy?], FA: King of Bavaria, DI: 24 Mar 1851.

Joseph Radley [Radle], FA: King of Wirtembergh, DI: 3 Mar 1851.

Valentine Strauss, FA: Duke of Hesse Denstadt [sic], DI: 27 Jan 1851.

Jacob Shelly, FA: King of Hessen Darmstadt, DI: 15 Sep 1851.

Frederick Shuck [Schuch], FA: King of Bavaria, DI: 18 Mar 1851.

John Smith, FA: King of Wirtembergh, DI: 7 Apr 1851.

John Libert [Seibert], FA: Duke of Hesse Demstadt [?], DI: 10 Feb 1851.

Philip Sherrer [Scherrer], FA: Duke of Darmstadt, DI: 3 Feb 1851.

John Swats [Schwarz], FA: King of Prussia, DI: 29 May 1851.

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Benedict Smith [Schmid], FA: Duke of Baden,
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DI: 29 May 1851.

John Philip Shafer [Schafer], FA: King of Bavaria,
DI: 2 Dec 1851.

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The Oberkassels migrated across Europe, replacing previous cultures. In the East, the Oberkassels encountered the Sidelkino culture from the Ukraine region. These three cultures remained isolated from each other for about 6,000 years.

About 8,000 years ago, when farmers arrived in Europe from Turkey, they encountered the descendants of these ancient Europeans. The Fournol people on the Iberian peninsula, the Oberkassel and the Sidelkino. **Today's Europeans carry DNA from these people.** Scientists feel that the Oberkassel in the west probably were darker skinned with blue eyes and the Sidelkino from the east were light

skinned with dark eyes. With the beginning of farming and agriculture, the three groups began to mix possibly due to the spread of farmland.

In the 1800's, archaeologists attempted to understand the ancient history of Europe relying on bones of the ancient hunter-gatherers and the art they left behind. More recently, geneticists have added a new dimension by extracting DNA from ancient teeth and bones. The future of archaeology is limitless as DNA can now be extracted from cave sediments rather than searching for bones and teeth. The impact on genealogy is unknown yet – maybe someday our DNA can tell us who our ancient hunter-gatherer ancestors were, their culture and what they looked like. ■

Are there any cemeteries in your section of New York State in need of cleaning? The New York Chapter of Palatines to America is seeking to organize volunteer cemetery cleanings at places important to the history of German immigration. We are seeking recommendations of small cemeteries (1-2 acres) or sections of larger ones. All cleaning will be done with D-2 biological solution. We ask that you send us contact information for the caretakers of the cemetery, describe its importance to German genealogy, and be able to commit at least six volunteers from your local area so that the work can be completed in one day. Send recommendations to palamny@gmail.com

Do you have any news, articles, resources or anything you would like to share with other chapter members? Send your submission to me at: nypalameditor@gmail.com

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