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May Meeting in Fort Plain

The May 2009 meeting will be held in Fort Plain, NY. We will start the day at the Fort Plain Museum. Richard Brown is curator & will speak on the museum, artifacts. Norm Bollon, board member of the museum will be at the museum to welcome us and set up a slide presentation on the Fort. Wayne Lenig will also speak on the history of the fort and data put forth by history writers.

Luncheon will be at the DAR Isaac Paris house in downtown Ft. Plain. There will a short talk on the history of this DAR house and a tour.

We will also visit the Canajoharie Library. Canajoharie was the site of the Mohawk Iroquois castle – “keepers of the eastern gate”. The library and Arkell Museum have holdings of several masterpieces of American art. There has been recent expansion of the facilities here and a German Palatine display is planned. Our Chapter Board meeting will be held here.

Other sites of interest in the area for self guided visits are: in and near St. Johnsville (an extensive genealogical section at the Margaret Reaney Memorial Library & Museum), Indian Castle Church, Fort Klock, Nellis Tavern, Palatine Church, Village of Nelliston and Village of Palatine Bridge. (They have a Palatine cheese factory and outlet store.)

Accommodations

Places to stay. There are no hotels in Fort Plain. Knights Inn in Little Falls would be closest – Little Falls, NY 315-823-4954

Or Holiday Inn, N. Comrie Ave, Johnstown, NY 12095, phone 888-465-4329

Other Bed & Breakfast Inns:

The Plank Homestead, Moyer St, Canajoharie, www.plankhomestead.com 518-496-2342

The Inn in Palatine, Jo Gallo, 142 W Grand St, Palatine Bridge 518-673-2845

Pineapple House, 63 Otsego St., Canajoharie 518-673-3923

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1786 Isaac Paris House

Chapter News

President's Message

Holidays are gone and winter is here. Now is the time to think about the Palatines to America 2010 National Meeting. Our New York Chapter has some big decisions that have to be made. Do we have a 2010 convention??? Joe Lieby has put down a deposit for the event but can we get members to come to the event? What about National? Are they going to support the event, or do we have to do it all by ourselves? Right now National is mulling over the problem of the library being closed, and looking for new office space. They are wondering what to do with duplicate books, how the members will access the research at the library, how the library will store the material and display the books.

Many in the New York Chapter are proud of their ancestors who came here 300 years ago from the war torn land of Rhine Valley in Germany. Those Palatine settlers worked hard to clear the land and establish homes for their families. The Palatines have always been there to fight for their county, against the Indians, the British and the French, to preserve a community for freedom and liberty. As descendants of those early settlers, we have a responsibility to preserve the memory of the struggles that they had to endure to provide their children the freedom and liberty to choose in a new country.

Honoring the 1710 Palatines

It is important that we have a celebration of the Palatines who came here 300 years ago, since most of America does not know about about them. Many came here to the shores of America with nothing but the clothes on their backs. These Palatines and other Germans who came later cleared the land, developed the farming, cheese and other industries, formed communities, and invented many things that we take for granted. Their ideals influenced the government, and brought about cultural ideals that we still hold. This made America what it is today. It is our responsibility to make sure that American citizens know of this group of Palatines and the Germans who came later. We often hear about all the great things that immigrants have given or brought to this country, and how America was built on immigrants from many different lands, but everyone forgets that the Palatines were one of the first groups of immigrants that started the trend that America still sees today.

We Need Your Help for 2010

We need help from every member to make possible this 300 years Celebration in 2010. Right now we have only a handful of members who are working on the event. Bill Mc Henry, one of our original members, and one who

helped this chapter be successful over the years, has notified me that he has had to resign as membership chairman. As of now I have taken over the job, but membership chairman is one of the most important jobs of the chapter. Bill did an excellent job of getting new members and keeping the members involved in the organization. We are very sorry to see him resign and hope we get to see him at our meetings in the future. He will be missed as our membership chairman and for all the other jobs he has done through the years to make this chapter successful. Bill was in charge of developing vendors for our 2010 event and now we need someone to volunteer to take over this job.

Right now we have Joe Lieby, chairman, Sarah Israel, president, Leslie Huber, program chairman, John Paris, Grace Saatman, and Eila Schiffer as consultants. The conference will be at the **Holiday Inn in Fishkill, NY on June 17-19, 2010**. Newburgh was the site for the first settlement of the Palatines in 1709. It is located in the beautiful section of the Hudson River Valley that our ancestors first saw when coming to America. We felt it would be appropriate to hold the conference in that area.

We decided to have the event in Fishkill, as the Holiday Inn is very nice and could accommodate us. The hotel is located near an airport for easy access, and is just off of interstate 84 and close to the NYS Thruway. In today's world, transportation to the hotel is important for a good conference. Other places were suggested but they were not close to an airport. We also looked into other sites in New York but we do not have sufficient support of chapter members who could put a conference together in those areas.

We need volunteers to chair: vendors, advertising, publicity and so forth. Contact Joe Lieby at e-mail jlieby@hvc.rr.com or phone 845-561-7990 or Sarah Israel at sarahtisrael@hotmail.com or phone 732-828-3508 for information or to volunteer to help in this 300 years event.

May Meeting

May 2, 2009 we will hold our spring meeting at historic Fort Plain, New York, which is located in the Mohawk Valley. Fort Plain Museum stands near the site of the original fort that helped hold the frontier during the American Revolution. We will lunch at the historic Isaac Paris home in Fort Plain, and then visit the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery. Please come and join us. We will also have a meeting on the 2010 Conference and need you to attend to make final committees. We need your help to make the 2010 Conference a success. Please contact me to volunteer for the event.

Sincerely
Sarah Timmerman Israel

Naturalizations for Germans

The following records were extracted from the naturalization records for Columbia County. Records were included for some German regions even if not actually from Germany (eg Switzerland, or Alsace Lorraine). The information provided is not always the same for each record. The court clerk making the record may not have always spelled the person's name correctly. Where there is a difference between the spelling in the record and the way the subject of the record signed it, the spelling of the signature is enclosed in 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 18. Instead, when filing the Petition for Naturalization, a document was filed declaring that the individual entered the country under the age of 18. 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.

The naturalization records include the foreign ruler to which the person had previously owed allegiance. Because it might help in identifying the place of origin, we will list the phrase used in the papers, eg Grand Duke of Hesse Cassel, rather than simply the country name. FA = former allegiance.]

FHL microfilm 1029770, item 2. Mixture of declarations of intention and naturalization petitions.

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| <p>Andrew Pannach, NA: 21 Oct 1856, [no town],
FA: Baden Germany.</p> <p>Simone Marsh, NA: 21 Oct 1856, Leeds, Greene Co.,
FA: Baden Germany.</p> <p>Michael Harescorn, NA: 21 Oct 1856, Copake, Columbia Co.,
FA: Baden, Germany</p> <p>Leonhard Hammer, age 22, Born: Olfing [?], Germany, Port:
Bremmen, DI: 22 Oct 1856, Hudson, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Joseph Knon, age 44, Born: Germany, Port: Bremen, DI: 22 Oct
1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.</p> <p>Wilhelm Werner, age 27, Born: Wurtemberg, Germany, Port:
Antwerp, DI: 23 Oct 1856, Livingston, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Wilhelm Pruilleffer/Pruillefer, age 29, Born: Germany, Port: :
Hamburg, DI: 23 Oct 1856, Livingston, Columbia Co.</p> <p>John M. Lieus, age 24, Born: Wurtemberg, Port Rotterdam,
DI: 24 Oct 1856, Clermont, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Andrew Frehan, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Catskill, Greene Co.,
FA: Germany</p> <p>Lewis Fratsher, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Germany</p> <p>Philip A. Genthner, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemburgh, Germany</p> <p>Frederick Turris [?], NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemberg, Germany</p> <p>Charles Miller, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Germany</p> <p>George Gullon, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemberg, Germany</p> <p>John Leifz, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Germany</p> <p>John Eberhardt, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemberg, Germany</p> <p>Ansel Obert, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Catskill, Greene Co.,
FA: Baden, Germany</p> <p>Joseph Brackmire, NA: 22 Oct 1856, Catskill, Greene Co.,
FA: Baden, Germany</p> <p>George Schmidt, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Tivoli, Dutchess Co.,
FA: Germany</p> <p>Valentine Schmidt, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Livingston, Columbia Co.,
FA: Hessen, Germany</p> <p>Michael Shaffer, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Canaan, Columbia Co.,
FA: Bavaria</p> | <p>Adam Shilling, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Canaan, Columbia Co.,
FA: Bavaria</p> <p>Bernhard Erts, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Nassau</p> <p>Louis Munde, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemberg, Germany</p> <p>William Weiler, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Hesse, Germany</p> <p>Frederick Liglee, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Wurtemberg, Germany</p> <p>John Hoffman, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.
FA: Biorn [Bavaria ?]</p> <p>Henry Brown, NA: 23 Oct 1856, Saugerties, Ulster Co.,
FA: Nassau</p> <p>Willhelm Masson, age 45, Born: Olenhern [?], Germany,
Port: Rotterdam, DI: 25 Oct 1856, Claverack, Columbia Co.</p> <p>John Schwab, age 30, Born: Baden, Germany, Port: Antwerp,
DI: 28 Oct 1856, Canaan, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Frederick Slosen [?], age 26, Born: Wurtemburgh, Germany,
Port: Havre, DI: 30 Oct 1856, Claverack, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Christian Schmid, age 30, Born: Wurtemberg, Germany, Port:
Belgium, DI: 1 Nov 1856, Copake, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Johannes Hart, NA: 17 Feb 1857, Copake, Columbia Co.,
FA: Switzerland</p> <p>Hendrick Bock, age 27, Born: Germany, Port: Bremmen,
DI: 13 Jan 1857, Kinderhook, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Christian Bock, age 33, Boorn: Germany, Port: Bremmen,
DI 13 Jan 1857, Kinderhook, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Anthony Radmacher, age 24, Born Germany, Port: Havre,
DI: 26 Jan 1857, Ghent, Columbia Co.</p> <p>George Steitz, age 30, Born: Germany, Po9rt: Havre,
DI: 27 Jan 1857, Ghent, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Frederick W. Spilker, NA: 23 June 1857, Kinderhook, Columbia
Co., FA: Ikehast [Eichquast?], Prussia</p> <p>Frank Haselwander [Hazelwander], age 25, Born: Gentweil,
Grand Dutchy of Baden, Port: Havre, DI: 16 June 1857,
Hudson, Columbia Co.</p> <p>[This next page photographed out of focus.]</p> <p>Nicholas Erts, age 30, Born: [?], Prussia, Port: Antrim,
DI: 22 Jun 1857, Germantown, Columbia Co.</p> <p>Frederick Saigh, age 28, Born: [?], Prussia, Port: Antrim,
DI: 11 Aug 1857, [?]</p> <p>[Page in focus again.]</p> <p>Johannes Stang, NA: 23 Sep 1857, Copake, Columbia Co.
FA: Hesse, Germany</p> |
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Brooklyn Historical Society

There should always be a need in our research for libraries that have collections of interest to genealogists. Not everything can be found on line. At least not yet. There are manuscript collections, books that have not been digitalized and some finding aids that are not available anywhere else.

Some of these are small libraries housed in local genealogical societies, or public libraries in the place where your ancestor lived. Fortunately, there are also some large libraries that are meccas for genealogists. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, or the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN draw researchers from all over the country. But we can't always travel to those large libraries. Distance and expense are major obstacles.

Recently we have lost several sites for genealogical pilgrimage. Our own Palatine library in Columbus, Ohio is now sadly closed. The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Library in Manhattan that was a convenient place for me to visit, especially when I had a need for New York research, is now also closed. Although its resources will eventually be available in the New York Public Library, for now those resources are out of reach as the NYPL catalogs and prepares to integrate them into their collections. Even when they do, they will not be available for browsing as they once were.

For a number of years, the resources of the Brooklyn Historical Society were unavailable, as work was in progress to renovate the Society building and library in Brooklyn. For a while we might have wondered whether it would ever reopen. Fortunately, it did reopen and is now available to the historians and genealogists who have an interest in Brooklyn, Long Island and New York research.

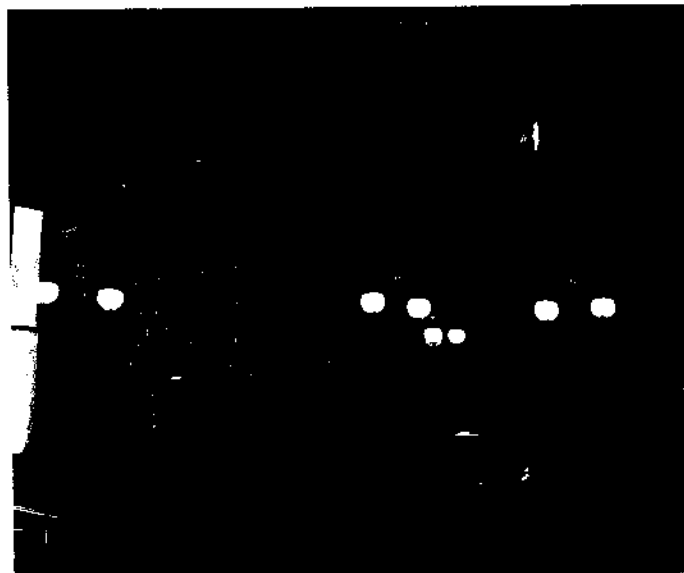
The Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer Library is located on the 2nd floor of the Brooklyn Historical Society at 128 Pierrepont Street in Brooklyn. The collection contains over 14,000 family histories and charts, abstracts of wills and vital records, with an emphasis on New York, Kings County and Long Island. However material on other locations in New York can also be found. The local history collection contains material on New York City, Long Island, New York State and New England. In addition, the manuscript and archives collection contains treasures that can be found nowhere else. For a fuller description of the resources in the library, consult the article on the Brook-

Family Search.org

The web site for the Family History Library has been mostly a place to look for resources available in the catalog of the FHL or to search the IGI (International Genealogical Index) for ancestors. Until recently that is.

As the digitalization and indexing of records has proceeded, these have been made available on the site. To access these resources, Click on the "Search Records" tab on the home page of familysearch.org. That will allow you to choose an "Advanced Search", which provides a form to search all of the traditional resources. The second option will be "Record Search pilot". Choosing this will show you a map so that you can narrow down your search by area. You can also enter a name and search directly. Many census records for the USA and Britain, as well as a variety of vital records from around the world, have been made available.

Clicking on "View all collections" from the "Record Search pilot" main page will provide a list of all that is currently available.



Inside the Library of the Brooklyn Historical Society

lyn Historical Society in Estelle Guzik's *Genealogical Resources in New York*. With the exception of the manuscript and archive collection, all the library materials are available to members and non-members for browsing. There is a small admission fee for non-members.

Information on directions to the library, its current hours and other information, can be found on their web site, www.brooklynhistory.org.

Editor's Corner

As we search for information on the great aunt who did not have much contact with the family after moving to Colorado, or the g-g-grandfather who was supposedly in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, it is easy to feel ourselves all alone in our pursuit of those ancestors. No one else in our family seems to be interested.

But in reality, genealogy is not a solitary pursuit. Every time we research we are making use of the contributions of many who have gone before us. The resources of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City we owe to the efforts of the members of the LDS Church. When we search our local library or genealogical society library for cemetery transcriptions, someone had to take the time to write down the inscriptions on the gravestones and make them available to us.

The genealogical societies to which we belong were established by people who gave of their time and talents so that others might have a place to seek information and guidance in their genealogical research.

What will the next generation of genealogists find when they are looking for help? Will they find that the genealogical libraries and societies have closed their doors? Will they still be able to find indices and transcriptions of local cemetery, church and vital records that have been produced by others who make them available for their research? Or perhaps the only place to obtain those records will be on subscription Internet sites that can't be afforded by some.

We have all benefited from the work of others. Will others benefit from contributions that we have made? We can all do something to contribute to the genealogical community. It isn't necessary to be a professional genealogist or be wealthy. You have only to look around to find something that you can do. Your more active participation in the New York Chapter of PalAm is certainly a possibility. We need people to step forward and take on some responsibility. The 2010 National Conference in Fishkill will not succeed if people do not help shoulder the burden. Take note of the planning meeting that will be held on the Friday night before our May meeting. If you are willing to help, please consider coming to the Friday night meeting, ready to raise your hand and volunteer. Please send an email to me or to Sarah to let us know that you intend to attend the planning meeting, since it will be a dinner meeting and

Upcoming Events

- 18 April 2009** Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society meeting in Hagerstown, MD. Exploring New Record Groups in Germany & the USA. Speakers will be Kenneth W. Heger and Susannah E. Brooks. Further information at www.magsgen.com.
- 1 May 2009** Planning meeting for 2010 Conference. Knights Inn in Little Falls. Dinner meeting at 6:30.
- 2 May 2009** New York Chapter of Pal-Am spring meeting at the Fort Plain Museum, Fort Plain, NY. For further information, see page 7 in this issue.
- 13-16 May 2009** "The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West". National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 18-20 Jun 2009** Pal-Am National Conference at the Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN.
- 2-6 September 2009** Federation of Genealogical Societies, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 17- 19 June 2010** National Pal-Am Meeting in Fishkill, New York to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the first Palatines.

we need to let the Knights Inn know how many will be there.

Some of our members live far enough away that such attendance and participation in our Chapter is not possible. Consider contributing to this newsletter by sending an article or information that might be of interest to our members.

Finally, everyone should consider volunteering to assist in the indexing project of FamilySearch.org. You can contribute as much time as you would like to that project, right from your own computer. Go to the FamilySearch homepage and select "Index Records". You can sign up as a volunteer and begin indexing in a few minutes.

Among the projects from which you can choose, you will find several New York State Censuses, available now or soon to be available. The 1865 census is a current project. The 1905 and 1892 NY State Censuses are being prepared for indexing.

Perhaps you can find something else that you can do to provide for the next generation of genealogists. Whatever you can do will be your contribution to the future

Items from Here and There

Aus die Küche

There are some recipes that I wish I had asked my mother to write down when she was younger and could. Now, at 92 she can't remember. How many times have we made the mistake of not asking parents and grandparents for information that later we realize is now lost.

As a substitute for my mother's potato pancake recipe, I went searching on the Internet for German recipes and found this one.

Kartoffelpuffer

Ingredients:

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and quartered
1 large onion, quartered
½ cup milk
½ - 1 cup flour (use ½ cup flour with drier potatoes)
2 teaspoons salt
2 eggs
Vegetable oil

Directions:

Grate potatoes and onion into a bowl. Add milk, then stir in flour, salt, and eggs. Mix well.

In a large, heavy skillet, heat ½ inch frying oil until hot. Drop potato batter (¼ cup per pancake) into skillet and fry until golden brown and crisp on both sides.

Drain on a paper towel.

(From <http://recipesbycindy.homestead.com>)

German Sausage

Here is a German recipe from Nancy Cioch's great grandmother Caroline Broat Timmerman (about 1890) for sausage:

1 pound of sausage meat
1 tsp salt
1 tsp of sage
1/2 tsp of sugar
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp ginger

Palatine Farm

The Quitman Resource Center, which is attempting to restore and preserve the 18th century Palatine Farmstead in Rhinebeck, NY, is in need of donations to match a grant received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. They are asking for donations of \$10 per handhewn peg to be used in the restoration of the 1770 Dutch barn.

If you would like to help, send checks payable to "QRC/Palatine Farm" to 15 Cedar Heights Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.



1770 Dutch barn in May, 2005 in need of much restoration.

Help Wanted

Membership Chairman Bill McHenry has resigned from this position. We need someone to be responsible for maintaining the list of members, and keeping it up to date, so we can mail the newsletter to the proper people. If interested, contact Sarah Israel.

2010 Conference There is a need for several people to take responsibilities in preparing for the 2010 National Conference. We need chairs to take care of obtaining vendors, advertising, entertainment at banquets, planning for a tour of the historic sites, and other duties. If you are interested, attend the planning meeting on May 1, or contact Joe Lieby.

New York Chapter of Palatines to America

The Yorker Palatine is published by the New York Chapter of the Palatines to America, which is a non-profit organization open to all who are interested in German speaking immigrants and their descendants in North America.

Annual dues include one Chapter membership. Annual dues for the national organization and this New York Chapter is \$35 for an individual, \$40 for two members at the same address. Membership dues are for October 1 to September 30 each year, payable to: **Palatines to America Headquarters, 611 East Weber Road, Columbus, Ohio 43211-1097**

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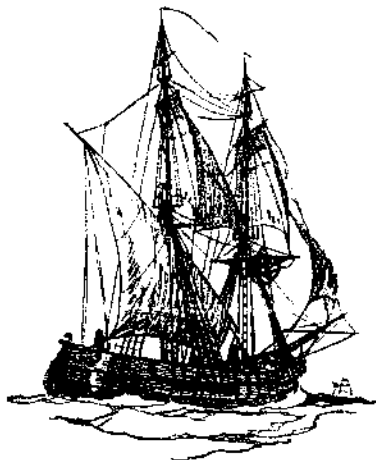
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