

INDEX TO CONFIRMANTS OF ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AT GARFIELD HTS., OHIO FOR THE YEARS 1854-1929.....

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In celebration of its 125th anniversary, St. John's in Garfield Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, published a book entitled *Geschichte der Evangelisch Lutherischen St. Johannis-Gemeinde zu Garfield Heights, Ohio, 1854-1929*. Written in both English and German, this slim volume contains an appendix (pp. 86-117) listing names and other data relating to the church's membership. Of considerable interest to the genealogist is the "Record of the Confirmed" for the years 1854 to 1929---a list of nearly 1000 persons, including the following information: Name, birth, death, present name (the married name of women), residence or place of burial, date of confirmation.

Each of the entries is assigned a number. To assist the researcher, the following index had been compiled by surname. Each surname is followed by the number of numbers of persons on the list.

A copy of this volume is in the Ward Collection, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Plotsk in Bessarabia, South Russia was heavily settled by German-speaking emigrants. The parish registers for this territory were filmed in Berlin, and are at the Genealogical Society (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) in Salt Lake City. They date from 1884 to 1903. For records prior to 1884, write to U.S. of America Consul, American Embassy, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20521.

An article on genealogical sources in the Staatliche Bibliothek Regensburg (by G. Urbanek) appeared in BLÄTTER DES BAYRISCHEN LANDESVEREINS FÜR FAMILIENKUNDE, Band XII, Heft 13, 38. Jahrgang (1975).

Records of German apothecaries and pharmacists are an extremely valuable source of genealogical data. Many genealogical and biographical articles appear in the periodical which specializes in German apothecary history, BEITRÄGE ZUR APOTHEKENGESCHICHTE. Volume X (Band X), No. 4 (Heft 4) for 1974 (December issue) treats pharmacists in Leutkirch, Ravensburg, Basel, and Stuttgart. The fifth number (Heft 5) of that volume (June 1975) has an article entitled "Apotheker Ernst Rieker aus Backnang in Amerika."

The Verlag Degener (D 8530 Neustadt/Aisch, West Germany) is the publisher of the important work by Carl Schulz (3000 BERLINER KOLONISTEN UND KOLONISTENSÖHNE 1686-1812) which appeared in 1972 and treats some 3000 colonists and their descendants in Berlin.

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