

..... GERMAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

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The periodical, UNSER OSTFRIESLAND, Vol.13(1976) has an interesting article on East Friesians in the US: "Amerika---das gelobte Land der Ostfriesen."

An article by the eminent genealogist von Lehe has recently appeared which treats immigrants from Wursten who came to the US: "Familien und Namen aus Land Wursten in Norddeutschland und in USA," NIEDERDEUTSCHE FAMILIENKUNDE, 4(1976).

Hessians and other German immigrants are treated in an article by Boss in HESSISCHE FAMILIENKUNDE, 1(1976): "Auswanderer nach Nordamerika und Russisch-Polen."

A new reference work on locations and changes of cities, towns, etc. in Hessian territory has been published by the Historischer Verein in Darmstadt(1976): Hans Georg Ruppel, HISTORISCHES ORTSVERZEICHNIS FÜR DAS GEBIET DES EHEMALIGEN GROSSHERZOGTUMS UND VOLKSSTAATS HESSEN. Listed as No.2 of the series, Darmstädter Archivschriften, it consists of 220 pages and costs 15 West German Marks.

Heft 3 of the series "Monographia Hassiae" is Erich Eisenberg's KIRCHENBUCHVERZEICHNIS DER EVANGELISCHEN KIRCHE VON KURHESSEN-WALDECK. It contains a list of church registries(with addresses) of the Evangelical Church for Hanau, Geinhausen, Schlüchtern, Fulda and other towns in the Waldeck and Electorate of Hessian territory.

It is advisable to place a genealogical inquiry ad in Germany's most widely distributed periodical, FAMILIENKUNDLICHE NACHRICHTEN. It is published by Verlag Degener & Co., 853 Neustadt/Aisch, Postfach 1340, West Germany. Price is about 10 cents per word. Ads are accepted in English and will be translated free of charge.

In 1827 Bohemia was governed by the House of Habsburg, thus falling under Austrian rule. Austria was a member of the German Confederation then.

Detmold was previously the region of the province of Lippe and the Prussian district of Minden. At the Staats- und Personenarchiv in Detmold are the duplicate registers for the French civil registers kept there from 1808 to 1814. Also there are duplicate church registers for the districts of Detmold, Arnsberg and Münster for the years 1815-1874 as well as for most of the parishes in Lippe from the second half of the 17th century to the present. Printed emigration lists for Münster (19th century) are also available there. For information on Münster genealogical records, write to: STAATSARCHIVBERAMTMANN FRIEDRICH MUELLER, Staatsarchiv Münster, D 44 Münster, Bohlweg 2, West Germany.

Posen was the name of a province in Poland(Grand Duchy of Warsaw) from 1807 to 1815, and later in Prussia. It was divided into two governmental districts, one in the town of Posen, the other in the town of Bromberg. As a part of Poland, Posen was divided into the districts of Gnesen, Inowracław, and Poznań. When researching ancestors from Posen, write to the following German genealogical society for help: VEREIN FUER FAMILIENFORSCHUNG IN OST- UND WESTPREUSSEN, D 2000, Hamburg 62, Postfach 126, West Germany.

Important sources pertaining to the United Church of Christ are the EDEN ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY, 475 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, Mo. 63119, and the PHILIP SCHAFF LIBRARY at THE LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603. The Mennonite Conference Historical Society Library in Lancaster is an outstanding genealogical center on the PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

KÖRLIN(Cörlin) is now called KARLINKO(Koszalin, Poland).

For help on researching German ancestors in Czechoslovakia, try writing to the Czechoslovak Foreign Institute, Karmelitska 25, Mala Strana, Prague 1, Czechoslovakia. Correspondence may be in English.

AMERICANA BOOKS, Box 385, Georgetown, Md. 01830, has genealogies of German-American families for sale, e.g. HESS, LANG, SCHRAMM, VOGT, WALTZ, WANZER.

The German settled Tulpehocken area of Pennsylvania is now in Berks and Lebanon counties. An important source of information on German settlements in this area is the HISTORICAL REVIEW OF BERKS COUNTY. Some of the articles which have appeared in this periodical are given here with the volume and issue number, date and page numbers in brackets: James E. Gibson, The Historical Background of the German Emigration [V,3:April 1940,67-72]; Arthur D. Graeff, Microcopying Palatine Records[V,3:April 1940,73-76]; Frank E. Lichtenthaeler, The Seven Dorp of Schoharie[IX,2:Jan.1944,39-45]; Frank E. Lichtenthaeler, Overland Barriers of the Susquehanna Corridor[X,3:Apr.1945]; Paul B. Mattice, The Palatine Emigration from Schoharie to Tulpehocken[XI:Oct1944,16-21]; John W. Harper and Martha B. Harper, The Palatine Migration 1723 from Schoharie to Tulpehocken[XXV,3:Summer 1960,80-82]; Chas. B. Montgomery, Notes on the Tulpehocken Lands[I,4:July 1936, 118-120]; Chas. Adam Fisher, Biographical Data About the Palatines[II,4:July 1937,115-118]; Chas. Adam Fisher, Early Tulpehocken Settlers[IV,4:July 1939,104-110]; Frederick S. Weiser and Vernon Nelson, The Registers of Reed's Church[XXXI, 1:Winter 1965-66, 14-16, 18,27].

For an interesting article on research in Alsace(Elsass), see Francois Klee, "Forefathers from Alsace," GENEALOGICAL HELPER (June 1969).

The November 9,1974 issue of the TRI STATE TRADER, vol.VII,No.31 contains an article entitled "From West Prussia."

German genealogist Karl Geisel has compiled a manuscript entitled "12000 Names of Emigrants from Kreis Alsfeld, Upper Hesse Since 1825."

An excellent biographical source on Germans in Philadelphia and environs is at the library of the German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden, Phila.: BIOGRAPHIEN HERVORRAGENDER DEUTSCH-AMERIKANER VON PHILA., PENN. UND UMGEGEND (German Daily News Gazette: Phila.,1906).

An extensive bibliography is to be found in Louis J. Elteto's master's thesis (Kent State University,1964) entitled: GERMAN SETTLEMENTS IN TRUMBULL, COLUMBIANA, STARK AND MAHONING COUNTIES, OHIO.

Part of the article "Persons Naturalized in the Province of Pa.,1740-73," [PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY, Series 2, Vol.II(1896)] was reprinted in 1967.

Two important genealogical articles in vol.100, No.1 of the NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD (Jan.1969) are: "The Strangs of Westchester Baptisms of the German Reformed Church of Rhinebeck" and "London Churchbooks of the German Emigration of 1709."

The 1937 edition of Walter A. Knittle's EARLY 18TH CENTURY PALATINE EMIGRATION was reprinted in 1970.

Much genealogical data can be gleaned from Ernest Bruncken's article, "German Political Refugees in the U.S. During the Period 1815-60" [DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHE GESCHICHTSBLÄTTER (Chicago,1904)].

The Institut für Archiwissenschaft (355 Marburg, Friedrichsplatz 15, W. Germany) has published a helpful book on German abbreviations since the 16th century: GEBRÄUCHLICHE ABKÜRZUNGEN, by K. Dülfer.

Sources on the following families are listed in Henry A. Pochmann and Arthur R. Schultz, BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GERMAN CULTURE IN AMERICA TO 1940 (1953): ALTIZER, ARNDT, BALTZLY, BECHTEL, BERGEY, BIEBER, BITTINGER(BEDINGER), BOYER, BRENNEMAN, BRUMBACH, BURROWS, CARMER, CARPENTER(ZIMMERMANN), CASSEL, CONRAD,CROLL, EBERHARDT, FOUTS(PFAUTZ),FRANK-KERLER,FRITTS,GARR,GERBERICH,GERNHARDT,GOOD, GOOD(K)NIGHT (GUTKNECHT),HEATWOLE,HEISER,HENKEL,HERKIMER,HIESTER(HEISTER),HOCHSTEDLER,HOFFMAN,HOLLENBACH,HOLTZCLAW,KÄGY,KEIM,KEMPER,KERLER,KEYSERLING,KLEIN, KOLB(KULP,CULP),KOTHMANN,LACEY,LAUX(LOUX,LAUCK,LAUCKS,LOUCKS),LINCOLN(LINKHORN), LINCOLN(Mass. family),LUDWIG,LYBARGER,MAYER(of Md. and Pa.),MILLER,NAFZGER,NAF(NEFF),PEFFLEY,PFAUTZ(FOUTS),POCHMANN,RITTENHOUSE,ROQUEMORE,ROSENBERG,ROUSCH, RUPP,SAUR(SAUER,SOWER),SCHELL,SCHENK,SCHOFF,SCHUYLER,STEINES,UTTERBACH,WALDO, WASHINGTON,WEBER,WENGER,WENZEL,WOLTZ,ZIMMERMANN(CARPENTER).

A major source of genealogical information is Carl Wilhelm Schlegel's SCHLEGEL'S GERMAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES IN THE US, GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL, 4 vols.(NY,1916-26). See also Wilhelm Henry Egle, PA. GENEALOGIES: SCOTCH-IRISH AND GERMAN (Harrisburg,1886) and Balthasar Heebner and C. Heydrick, GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF THE SCHWENKELDERS (1879).

Since World War I alien registration forms have been required. They are located at the Immigration and Naturalization Office.

An informative articles by Dr. H.H. Schlomer ("German Genealogical Research") was published in the March 1973 issue of EASTERN WASHINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN. Thomas Lee Boam's "German Research" is in the same issue.

A copy of A.H. Gerberich's HISTORY OF THE GERBERICH FAMILY IN AMERICA(1613-1925) has been presented to the Ohio Genealogical Society's library.

Julia M. Overton has translated pertinent genealogical material in an 84-page book entitled THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF THE CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE. It is available for \$6.75 from Heritage House, Rt.1,Box 211,Thomson,Il1.61285

The German record books of the First Reformed Church of Easton,Pa. from 1760 to 1852 (baptisms,deaths,burials,marriages) have been translated by the Rev. Henry Martin Kieffer and appeared in book form under the title,FIRST SETTLERS OF THE FORKS OF THE DELAWARE. The original 1902 edition has been reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co. in Baltimore (1973, 404 pp.).

A copy of the KUHN GENEALOGY (by Kathryn Schlumbohn Whelan) has been donated to the Ohio Genealogical Society's library. This work appeared in 1964.

Edwin T. and Atha Peckenpaugh Brace have compiled a family history entitled DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN ADAM AND ANNA MARIA BECKENBACK. It can be bought for \$12.50 from the authors(2919 Meadow Lane, El Campo,TX 77437).

Ralph N. Moor's SUPPLEMENT OF THE GENEALOGIES OF THE MORR-MYERS FAMILIES (1971, 630pp.) can be purchased for \$25. from Walter Allen, R.R.,Jeromesville,OH.

Copies of THE DESCENDANTS OF HENRY ZOELLNER 1801-1872 by Susan Kellar Ratcliffe can be purchased for \$10. from the authoress(264 N. Liberty,Delaware,OH).

The Magna Carta Book Co. in Baltimore is the publisher of a book entitled PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES, SEPT.1821-DEC.1823 (Baltimore,1969). It is indexed and lists some 15,000 names of passengers on some 2000 ships which arrived at 40 ports.

Swiss population lists (Bevölkerungsverzeichnisse) were kept by the clergy in Zurich beginning about 1630.

Walther Moeller's Messian Emigrant Index is located at the Staatsarchiv, Schloss, 6100 Darmstadt, West Germany.

The KURLÄNDISCHE RITTERSCHAFTSARCHIV is a collection of genealogies of persons who settled in the Baltic countries. It is available on microfilm at the libraries of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The LDS also has an excellent card file on Messians in America.

Whereas most German civil registers began around 1871, several were in existence earlier, e.g. since 1800 in the Rhineland, Westphalia, the Palatinate part of Hessen and Baden; since 1811 in Bremen and Lübeck; since 1849 in Frankfurt am Main; since 1856 in Hamburg.

German deeds and land records are mostly found in local archives, but the more recent ones are located at the court houses.

An important collection of House Books (Hausbücher) is located at the Staatsarchiv, Schloss Gottorp near Schleswig. These records go back a century or so before the church registers.

Since the German nobility had to prove their noble background by genealogies, the Nobility Matricles (Adelsmatrikeln) are invaluable sources.

The village of Fienen in Sathmar, Hungary was originally a German-speaking settlement (Swabians,etc.). Many of the surnames of the villagers there have been completely changed due to local custom. Originally, owners of a farm named the farm after themselves (surname). Subsequent owners often took on the surname of the original owner, e.g. Mr. Brehm became known as Mr. Tempfle(surname of original owner); his wife became known as Mrs. Tempfli. The i-suffix denotes the feminine gender. The Ward Collection at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland,Ohio has a recently published book(in German) on Fienen.

Prof. Dr. Burkhardt Oertel, 8 München 45, Morsering 6, West Germany, has compiled a 300,000 name-list covering territories of Wuerttemberg, Franken (Franconia), Baden, Hessen, Tyrol, Schleswig-Holstein, East and West Prussia.

The Archives of the Teutonic Knights, formerly at the State Archive at Königsberg in East Prussia, is now located at the archive in Goslar.

In 1742 the ship Loyal Judith arrived in Philadelphia's port in the month of September carrying German-speaking immigrants.

The term "Palatine" was applied indiscriminately to persons from Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Wuerttemberg, Alsace and Switzerland. They generally embarked at Rotterdam.