

**May 16, 2010  
To Be Announced**

Library open 12:00 till 5:00 Program starts at 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA

### **Up coming programs**

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**May & June  
To Be Announced**

**July 11, 2010  
Joint IGS/PSIG Meeting**

Speaker: Past Pres., Paul Lipinski-Polish Society of California

Topic: **History of Poland with Maps**

Historical Implications on Genealogical Research

**Salt Lake City is the “place-to-be” in April!** If you go during “Genealogy Week”, there are four events planned for April 26 through May 1. The National Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Conference from April 28 to May 1. To find out details, go to: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) The BYU Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy is scheduled for April 26 and 27. The information on this event is at <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneral> Also planned is the BYU Family History Technology Workshop on April 28. You can find out about this event at <http://fht.byu.edu> Scheduled on April 27 is the FamilySearch Developer’s Conference. Go to [www.familysearchdevnet.org/DC/index.html](http://www.familysearchdevnet.org/DC/index.html) for information on this. There will be workshops and exhibits including vendors and product demonstrations from April 26 to May 1. A concert and multimedia tribute to family history will be presented April 29 at 7 p.m. in the LDS Conference Center with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and author David McCullough. Free tickets will be online at [www.LDSD.org/events](http://www.LDSD.org/events). *Daily News*, Sunday, March, 28, 2010

**The GenealogyInsider e-newsletter has an interesting site if you** have a reason to try to find an ancestor who may have died either mysteriously or accidentally. “This free ...website provides excerpts from more than 12,000 historical newspaper articles and other resources describing calamitous events in the United States and Canada back to the 1700’s.” Go to:<http://www3.gendisasters.com> German Genealogy Group, March 2010

**The New England Historic Genealogical Society** has found that the new Senator from Massachusetts, Scott Brown, and Barack Obama, are 10th cousins. Their common ancestor was Richard Singletary of Haverhill, MA and died in 1687 at 102 years of age. “Obama’s mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, and Brown’s mother, Judith Ann Rugg” both descended from Singletary. “Obama descends from Singletary’s eldest son, Jonathan, who later changed his last name to Dunham. Brown descends from Singletary’s other son, Nathaniel.” And it just keeps going. “In 2008, the society discovered that Obama is related to seven previous presidents: George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson, Harry S. Truman and James Madison. It also learned he was related to actor Brad Pitt and investor Warren Buffet.” (I have Lincoln, the Bush’s, and Ford. Who knows, I might add Obama? Ed.) *Los Angeles Times*, Sunday, January 31, 2010

**“A collaborative project between nine Reference and Research Library Resources Councils in New York State”** has a site called New York Heritage and is available at <http://www.newyorkheritage.org> TWIGS—March 2010

### **KALENDER**

May		
9	CLOSED	Mother’s Day
16	General Meeting/Program	2PM
18		Mailing
29-30	CLOSED	Memorial Day
June		
6	General Meeting/Program	2PM
11-13		Jamboree
15		Mailing
20	CLOSED	Father’s Day

**Those who love to read**, may be interested in the history of the Nobel Prize winner for Literature in 2009, Herta Muller. Muller was born in 1953 in a village that had so many German villagers in the town in Romania that only “the mayor and the village policeman spoke Romanian”. Muller’s ancestors were Banat Swabians. Now here is where it gets weird. They were called Banat Swabians, but were not Swabian! During the 18th century Habsburg Empire, people were resettled in the Banat region from southern and southwestern Germany. This area was at the edge of the Ottoman Balkans. “Hungarians and Slavs called all Germans “Swabians”. In a replay of the slaves who were brought to America from different tribes in Africa, these Germans “spoke many dialects, since the settlers came from different parts of Germany, and they then developed very different dialects that were clearly distinguishable from the original ones”. My husband has a favorite story of visiting a friend in Kentucky and having to have him translate when he wanted to pay for a Coke because he spoke “Chicago”! Muller learned High German in school. “Romanian minority rights allowed Germans to retain their own language in schools and the media....For that reason the Germans in Romania were able to produce a substantial body of literature, the only ethnic German minority group in Eastern Europe to do so.” Muller’s “highly acclaimed 2009 novel, "Everything I Possess I Carry with Me", portrays the deportation of Romania’s German minority to Stalinist Soviet Gulags during the Soviet occupation of Romania.” *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs, Vol. 27, No. 3: January, February, March 2010

**Here is an interesting fact.** “It’s been said that in many places in Germany, up to one third of married men had wives who were considerably older than themselves”. Now rather than read further, puzzle over this for a minute or two. See if the answer you come up with is anywhere near the reason. Say you were an apprentice in Germany. Did you know that your apprenticeship would last two to six years? Then you would be a journeyman for another two to five years. Then you would be required to create your “masterpiece” and that required a considerable sum in order to sit for (your) examination. “In some instances the apprentice had to own property of a certain value in order to be admitted to a guild. Now, something may present itself that would enable you become a master-craftsman. You married the widow of the master with whom you had apprenticed. Did you come anywhere close to guessing the answer? *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs, Vol. 27, No. 3: January, February, March 2010

**Are you aware that when Germans** began coming to America, most of them came from the Palatinate? I went on a trip to Germany years ago with people from Quincy, IL. One day was spent going from village to village in that region along the Rhine, visiting the people who were relatives to many of them. I spent the day in Alsace visiting a cousin. Ernest Thode in his book, *Pages from the Past, No. 4, Palatines to America*, 1993, contributed this information. “Beginning in the early 1799’s the term was originally applied as a synonym for any “German”, by

English and colonial people in America”. Because the major pathway to leave Europe was by water in those days, the Palatines took that way out. As so often, Napoleon changed this part of Germany, at least after he was defeated. “After 1815, the Bavarian district west of the Rhine River became known as the Palatinate, while much of the former Palatinate became part of northern Baden”. This is why it can be so hard to find ancestors and to know who they called themselves. *Der Blumenbaum* SGGs, Vol. 27, No. 3: January, February, March 2010

**If you are interested in the test that immigrants** must take to become a citizen of the United States now, please go to <[www.peoplingofamerica.org](http://www.peoplingofamerica.org)> and <[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)> (I am just old enough that I am forgetting my civics lessons from grade school. That dates me. These days it is called elementary school! I haven’t lost all my memory, but it is less every day!!!) *Polish Genealogical Society of California*, Vol. 22 No. 1, January 2010

**With all the interest in DNA**, perhaps this will also be something you would like to know. It is about ethnic blood types and reflect Type “O”, “A”, “B” and “AB”.

- Poles—32%, 38%, 21%, and 9%.
- Russians—41%, 31%, 22%, and 6%.
- Austrians, 42%, 40%, 10%, and 6%.
- Armenian—22%, 52%, 13%, and 13%.
- English—46%, 43%, 7%, and 2%.
- White Americans—46%, 41%, 8%, and 4%.
- Swedes— 34%, 51%, 10%, and 5%.

This information is from data by Alfred Louis Kroeber in his book, *Anthropology*, New York: Harcourt, Brace, & World, Inc., 1923, 1948. Kroeber’s survey was from “before 1923, when Poland’s territory included vast Eastern regions”. *Polish Genealogical Society of California*, Vol. 22, No. 1, January 2010

**I hope you are watching “The Pacific”.** My husband and I are enthralled. A man I worked for, taking care of him during the day once a week, had me write several letters to Marine magazines and friends who he fought with at Pelilu. I had never heard of this island in the Solomons until he told me that it was the worst battle he was in during WWII. He taught at California State University Northridge until his retirement. Sadly he died several years ago and never got to see this remarkable series on HBO. Ed.

**The March 15 edition of “Time” magazine** has an article about “The Pacific” series. Titled “The World According To Tom” by Douglas Brinkley, Tom Hanks said, “...he found memorizing historical facts boring. Because his family was directly related to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the 16th U.S. President, he routinely recycled the same short paper he had written about her for easy classroom grades”. Now look at all the films in which he has been involved that are about American history: “From the Earth to the Moon, Band of Brothers, and John Adams, and now The Pacific”. Time, March 15, 2010

**Statistics from the U.S. Bureau of the Census are interesting.**

The seven U.S. cities with greatest percentage of German immigrants and their children compared to total population, in 1990.\*

City	Total	German immigrants Population and their children	Percentage of German immigrants and their Children compared to total population
Milwaukee	285,315	200,700	70
Davenport, IA	35,254	21,950	62
Hoboken, NJ	59,364	34,306	58
Cincinnati	325,902	174,306	54
St. Louis	575,238	257,963	45
Buffalo	352,387	149,822	43
Detroit	285,704	117,192	41

“Not counted as immigrants are the 5,000 Hessian prisoners of war who stayed in America after the Revolutionary War.” In an interesting article by a friend of ours, Marie Arnold, related the story of one of her ancestors who stayed after fighting in our Revolutionary War. Over the years, I have talked with a couple of people who had Hessians who didn’t go back to Germany. *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGS, Vol. 18 No2: October, November, December 2000.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Major New Developments for Hub Function at  
Düsseldorf International Airport**

More connecting options for US travelers’ Germany and Europe itineraries and 22.6 percent increase in transfer passenger numbers resulting from new long and short haul flights added by Lufthansa, Air Berlin, Emirates; the arrival of easyJet; and overhauls of all three gates. Düsseldorf, Germany – The hub function of Düsseldorf International Airport, Germany’s third largest, has increased greatly due to several major recent developments and subsequent growth of 22.6 percent (883,000 passengers) in transfer traffic. DUS is a hub for both Lufthansa and Air Berlin, Germany’s largest airlines, and both are adding more flights this summer. New from Air Berlin are two weekly flights from San Francisco, two weekly flights to Tel Aviv, and new routes to Balboa, Bare, and the Greek city of Volos. Lufthansa is adding new flights to Athens, Danzig, Dubrovnik, and Naples, and has increased the number of flights to Nice, France, from two to seven per week. New at DUS is low cost carrier easyJet, which has served Basel since the winter and added routes to Rome and London in February. Emirates Airlines, a long time airline at DUS, started operating a Boeing 777 in January, a plane that offers 50 percent more seats, for one of its two daily flights to the hub Dubai. The airport has also invested heavily in its hub infrastructure recently. The overhauls of gates A and B were finished last year, and work on gate C will be completed this summer. The airport’s three gates are in one terminal building, and the short distances between them make it possible to keep connecting time to 35 minutes, one of the shortest at any major airport. This includes connections with all of the non-stop flights from ten US and Canadian cities (Atlanta, Chicago, Ft. Myers, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Toronto, San Francisco, Vancouver) making DUS one of the most convenient and hassle-free airports for Germany and Europe itineraries from North America. “The 200 Million Euro investment into expanding our hub facilities we began two years ago has more than paid off,” says Christoph Blume, CEO of Düsseldorf International Airport. “More than ever, both passengers and airlines

enjoy the fast and short connections and the reliable convenience of our airport. With 18 million people living in a 60 mile radius and at the center of Germany’s most powerful state in economic terms, the improved infrastructure confirms the airport’s status as gateway for Germany and beyond.”

In order to accommodate the increase in passenger traffic, a new parking garage was opened last summer, providing an additional 3,000 parking spaces along with a new rental car center. Altogether, DUS provides 20,000 parking spaces for passengers and visitors.

Düsseldorf, only a short distance from many major destinations, makes possible easy travel to the Rhine-Ruhr area, Cologne, Belgium, and the Netherlands, as well as many opportunities for short and long-term stays. For more information on Düsseldorf, visit <[www.visitduesseldorf.de](http://www.visitduesseldorf.de)>

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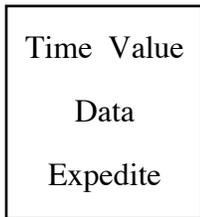
**Karl L Held is researching** all emigrants from his home town of Sindelfingen, around 1400 persons, which is regularly updated on his rootsweb page: <<http://wc.rootsweb.com/~kh4>> Please contact me should you need any further information. Kind regards Karl L Held, Liverpool, UK

**“There are a number of free online historical newspapers”,** among them: Library of Congress—Chronicling America: <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspaper/>> New York Times: <<http://query.nytimes.com/search/query?srchst=ny&&srcht=a&srchr=n>>

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**Nuclear Terrorism** - the Greatest Threat to Global Security  
More than 47 states have closed ranks to tackle the greatest threat of the 21st century - nuclear terrorism. Within four years nuclear materials are to be stored so securely that no terrorists or criminals will be able to access them.  
Nuclear Summit: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2010/04/14\\_\\_Summit\\_final\\_\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2010/04/14__Summit_final__PR.html)>

**Luminale Lights up Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main Region**  
The financial metropolis Frankfurt am Main became the scene for light art this week, with illuminations of some of its most famous landmarks as part of the "Luminale" festival.  
Luminale: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/GIC/2010/04/14\\_\\_Luminale\\_\\_PM.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GIC/2010/04/14__Luminale__PM.html)>

**Chancellor Merkel Visits Hollywood**  
In California, Chancellor Merkel wants to gain a first-hand impression of the conditions needed to bring forth the dynamism so typical of the sunshine state. German industry too is very much interested in ways of turning ideas into products quickly. Merkel in USA: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2010/04/14\\_\\_Merkel\\_\\_LA\\_\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2010/04/14__Merkel__LA__PR.html)>

**Using Opportunities Offered by Africa**  
The African continent offers opportunities which have to be seized. This is one of the main messages sent out by Federal Ministers Westerwelle and Niebel on their joint trip to Africa, where their first stop was in Tanzania. In Tanzania: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2010/04/09\\_\\_Africa\\_\\_Trip\\_\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2010/04/09__Africa__Trip__PR.html)>

**Deeply Saddened by Death of Poland's Lech Kaczynski**  
"Today Germany mourns with all Poles," Chancellor Merkel

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said, expressing her sympathy to the bereaved families of President Kaczynski, his wife and high-ranking representatives of Poland killed in a plane crash. Mourning With Poland: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2010/04/12\\_\\_Kaczynski\\_\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2010/04/12__Kaczynski__PR.html)>

**Westerwelle Condemns Attack on German Soldiers**  
"I utterly condemn this cowardly attack on the fallen soldiers, on us, on all Germans," the Foreign Minister said of the attack near Baghlan that killed four soldiers. Attack on German Soldiers : <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2010/04/16\\_\\_Soldiers\\_\\_Westerwelle\\_\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2010/04/16__Soldiers__Westerwelle__PR.html)>