



October 9, 2011 Joint IGS/PSIG Meeting

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How to interview and be interviewed

Library open 12:00 till 5:00 Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY'S 2 PM/Program

November 13, 2011-Annual Meeting
Crossing a Continent: Migration Between the
Revolution and the Civil War (1783-1861)

Kathleen Roe Trevena

Retired computer document writer; 30 year genealogist

December 11, 2011- Pot Luck 1PM!

"Good King Wenceslas"

Bring an entrée, salad, or dessert,
drinks, paper goods etc. provided

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

For those of you who live near a Ralphs supermarket, your weekly shopping can provide further financial assistance to the Immigrant Genealogical Society through your participation in their rewards Community Contribution Program. The easiest way to do this is by on-line registration, if you are a Ralphs participant and have access to a computer (just go to: <www.ralphs.com>). However, "scan bars" (for the checkout register) are available at the I.G.S. Library for those without. Simply take the entire letter, with scan bar, and present it to your Ralphs cashier. You will need to have either your rewards card or the telephone number to which that card is linked in order to process your request. Within 72 hours, a percentage of your purchases for the year (Sept. 2011 - Aug. 2012) will begin to accrue to your Society. **IMPORTANT:** even if you are currently enrolled, you still will need to re-register. This assistance will be much appreciated by your officers and your fellow members.

Thank you!!

<footnote.com> is now Fold3

(excerpts from their press release)

On August 18th, Footnote announced it will focus on offering the finest and most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the internet. As part of this new focus, the name of the site has changed from Footnote to Fold3. The Fold3 name is derived from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold in the ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world. Fold3 will be adding millions of U.S. military records to continue to help you discover and share stories about everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them. You will still be able to search all the informative records, including non-military records, previously found on Footnote. Your current Free Footnote registration will work on Fold3 and you can sign in with your same email address and password. Any contributions you have made to Footnote will also move over to Fold3.

KALENDAR

October		
9	PSIG/General Meeting/Program	2PM
19		Mailing
26	Board of Directors	7PM
November		
	Time Change on	6th-2 AM
13	Annual Meeting/Program	2PM
16		Mailing
16	Board of Directors	7PM
23	CLOSED	Thanksgiving
27	CLOSED	Thanksgiving

Polish in Toledo?

If you had a Polish ancestor in Toledo, Ohio, then you need to see *The Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America* from this past spring. Rosemary Chorzempa is a dedicated researcher who has collected a wealth of information on Polish immigration to this city. This nine-page article ("First Families of Toledo Polonia") includes a map of "Origins in Poland of First Families of Toledo Polonia," and a searchable database is available online for society members. There's even mention of Texas Poles with their parishes of origin! But see the page-long discussion of Polish parishes in Toledo if you have this ancestry. In: *Rodziny* (Volume XXXIV, Number 2 -- Spring 2011 -- pgs. 7-15). Excellent! Ed.

Open Invitation from Escondido Gen. Soc.

Saturday, September 24, 2011 the Escondido Genealogical Society and the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will present a panel discussion on professional genealogy: when to hire a professional, how to find a professional, what to expect and more. The moderator will be Jean Wilcox Hibben and the panel will consist of members of the So. Cal. Chapter of the APG. Questions from the floor will be welcomed. Meet upstairs at the public library in Escondido, 239 South Kalmia St., at 10 a.m. There is no fee to attend. Contact: Barbara Wickham, President, at (760) 489-7760 or <BW4662@aol.com> Ed.

Milwaukee Newspapers

The August 2011 issue of the MCGS REPORTER has a nice article on city newspapers in the collections of the Central Library's Periodicals Department. The Milwaukee Sentinel began in 1837, with The Milwaukee Journal following in 1882, and both are completely microfilmed. Further, there exists a card file index for the Sentinel that covers the years 1837-1890. Other daily newspapers are available there, but without the benefit of indexes. I'm thinking that either paid or courtesy lookups must surely be available through either the Library <check: www.mpl.org> or the M.C.G.S. (see above).

A Swedish "Tip" from Desert Diggings,

July-Sept. 2011 Issue, in Victorville, has this helpful note about <<http://www.augustana.edu>> that I'll pass along in full (from page 3):

"The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center can be found by inputting this link. Find the Information tab and when you have clicked on that, find "Swenson Center" and click on that link which has the following information: The Swenson Center is at Augustana College and is a national archives and research institute providing resources for the study of Swedish immigration to North America, the communities the immigrants established, and the role the immigrants and their descendants have played in American Life." Ed.

"Modern" Research Methods for Germany

That was the subject of the speaker at the June meeting of the German Genealogy Group, Mr. Ken Bausert, as reported in the Sept. 2011 *Der Ahnenforscher*. Come into your IGS Library to read a brief description of how he used the German telephone book white pages and social networking sites to make contact with previously unknown relatives. One can even request a copy of his 1-page handout by contacting the given address -- although membership (\$15 annual dues) may be required. But the G.G.G. next features a talk by Meldon J. Wolfgang III on "Becoming a 'Digital Ahnenforscher,'" which suggests that further electronic handouts may become available. Ed.

New York State Newspapers Search Web Site

The Summer 2011 issue of *Rodziny*, the Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, describes on pp. 17-18 "an essential resource for those wishing to search newspapers for all parts of New York State...." Old Fulton Postcards is said by article contributor Edward David Luft to be "the most comprehensive of its kind" for the state; it is a free site that accepts donations. See: <<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>> -- but also be sure to read the article, as there are some pitfalls of which you will want to be aware. Mr Luft says the site is "not especially intuitive," but he recommends it for the number of newspaper titles from New York City and the reprints of items from other papers of the day, both of which make this a valuable net to cast for your immigrant. Ed.

Where to Look in Berlin?

Are you trying to find a Civil War-era German immigrant in the church records of Berlin? Naturally you'll want to look in the parts of the city that existed at the time, but how do you know where to start? Baedeker's Handbook for Berlin, first issued in 1903, provides a suggestion:

"The oldest quarters are Alt-Berlin (on the right bank of the Spree, bounded by the Stadtbahn), Alt-Kölln (on an island in the river), Friedrichs-Werder (on the left bank of the Spree, between the Arsenal and Spittel-Markt), and Neu-Kölln (Wall-Strasse and its neighborhood). These form the heart of the city and were originally enclosed by fortifications. Around them in the 17th and 18th cent. rose an inner zone of new quarters, bounded until 1868 by a customs-wall 9 M. in length (almost corresponding with the present 'Stadt-Ring' of the electric tramway: the Dorotheenstadt (stretching from the Spree to Behren-Strasse), Friedrichstadt (to the S. of Behren-Strasse), Luisenstadt (to the E. of Linden-Strasse), etc. To these a large number of suburbs now incorporated in the town were added during the 19th and 20th centuries."

Your editor has a copy of this and other Baedeker guides from the period -- Northern Germany, Southern Germany -- in his personal library. For lookups, contact him at: <gordonseyffert@mac.com> or 616-345-0658, or by writing to him at 610 E. Calaveras St., Altadena, CA 91001. Of course, travel guides won't tell you more than a gazetteer can, but the description provided might present a new slant on your research interest....Ed.

Book Review

If the immigrants who most interest you came in the 17th & 18th centuries, then you'll want to investigate a new book by Charles C. Mann currently for sale at your local bookstore. *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created* is a tour de force of scholarly reasoning that will open your eyes to new theories as to how our history came to unfold. I especially recommend the two chapters of "Part One: Atlantic Journeys." They cover the twin impacts of tobacco and malaria upon North American development.

As to malaria, would you believe that it may have played a crucial role both in the wholesale movement to slavery in the Southern colonies in the late 17th century -- and in its demise with the Civil War, as well? And that it may even have played a supporting role in our victory in the American Revolution? The two chapters I recommend above comprise not quite eighty pages of text, and so might be perused in a sitting at your closest mall bookstore if you don't wish to "spring for" buying it (the book retails for \$30.50 plus tax).

Still, many of you might benefit from adding it to your history shelves. That's particularly true if you want to examine the comparative economics governing indentured servitude (think: Redemptioners) and slavery, or to grasp on a new level the significance of the Mason-Dixon Line in American history. This book will have you looking with new eyes at the lives and hardships of your earliest immigrants! Ed.

Can You Top This?

When I began my interest in genealogy, shortly after my marriage, I discovered that my wife's maternal-side Missouri family was very proud of being descended from a German veteran of Napoleon's 1812 Moscow Campaign. While unproven from a genealogical standpoint, the tale had been "validated" by a visit back to Ohio relatives before WWI. That seemed pretty neat, but when my eldest daughter married my son-in-law (and I began to investigate HIS origins), I discovered that his paternal grandmother was the great-great-granddaughter of yet another German common soldier fighting for Napoleon, Jakob Walter. His written memoir was "discovered" by historians at the U. of Kansas in the 1930s and published, a copy of which I obtained at a used bookstore.

About that time I began to research my father's ancestry in a part of Saxony which was given to Prussia by the Congress of Vienna. Church books were available on film, and I found that I myself was descended from a third such soldier. And, because I had actual documentation, I knew that my guy was a corporal in a line infantry regiment of the army of Saxony for at least three years, 1807-10. Using the church books, I followed every mention of other soldiers in his company -- carefully noting descriptions. And then I began to study anything I could find on the organizing of Napoleonic army units. That led me to conclude that my corporal probably supervised 18 musketeers ordered into three ranks of six men each. I'm pretty certain they fought in the Vienna campaign.

Now, if my daughter and her husband ever have a child,

he or she will seemingly descend from three different German soldiers who fought for Napoleon. Anyone out there top that?? Gordon Seyffert

Dutch Mennonites in Early New York City

The scholarly publication *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* has a 14-page lead article in its July 2011 issue by Daniel K. Ness that summarizes his years of research on Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. "New Amsterdam and New York Mennonites and Other Anabaptists" covers the years prior to 1760, and is accompanied by interesting maps and illustrations. It will be of interest if you have Dutch ancestry in the area, regardless of religious preference. Ed.

Illustrating Your Family History with Annotated Maps

From the July 2011 issue of *Palatines to America: Illinois Chapter* comes this tidbit: <<http://www.nationalatlas.gov>> has copyright-free maps to which information and markers may be added. They come from *The National Atlas of the United States of America*, provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The maps may also be delimited to a particular section of interest for a "cleaner" presentation, if that should be desirable. Ed.

Kreis Anklam, Ostvorpommern, Germany

For those of you with a Pomeranian immigrant hailing from the area immediately west of Ueckermünde, Das *Sedina-Archiv* (Heft 2/2011) has a nice 7-page article by Rostock resident Gerhard Wöhner <3231gerdwoehner@web.de>, "Zur Geschichte des Landkreises Anklam." It's not often that we'll see articles targeted to a particular locality in English-language periodicals, so it's nice to know that it's possible to find these in the German-language publications we receive. Don't know German? Several of your IGS librarians can help you -- just call. Ed.

That 1940 census...

You may recall that we ran an article in the newsletter a couple of issues back that previewed the 1940 census, the release of which will happen next year. You may wish to read an article on the subject by Juliana Smith that ran in the <ancestry.com> "Weekly Discovery" email of September 4th. Not an <ancestry.com> subscriber? Then visit your IGS Library for assistance, or check with your local public library to see if they subscribe. And do keep in mind that Ancestry.com has announced that both their 1940 census images and the associated index will be made free to the public through the 2013 calendar year, as a means of encouraging "more people get started exploring their family history." We're grateful to the folks at <ancestry.com> for this generous service!! Ed.

German Song Lyrics

Der Ahnenforscher, newsletter of the German Genealogy Group of Kings Park, NY, has this notice from contributor Barbara DeOliveira on page 6 of the September 2011 issue: "This website <<http://www.ingeb.org/Volk-song.html>> contains the words and for some the music (click on the "melodie" link) to 20,000 German songs." Ed.

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Ventura County Gen. Soc.

The Ventura society presents its Annual Seminar on October 15th from 8 to 4 at LDS Church at 3501 Loma Vista Road in Ventura (at N. Mills Rd.). Featured is Karen Clifford, teacher of multiple online genealogy courses at CA & UT colleges. From 9 to 10 a.m. she will speak on "Tracing 18th Century Immigrants," and there are three additional sessions. More info is available through Nancy Jaeger, Seminar Chair, at 805-484-3778 or at <vcgsseminar2011@verizon.net>. The cost is \$35 to \$45, and you may register online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavcgs/>.

Horst Resche

passed away on July 16, 2011. He was more than a source of German Genealogy to many. His humor, knowledge, and years of help will certainly be missed. Many of you will remember his all-day lectures at one of our Seminars years ago. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

The Week in Germany

Sep 16, 2011

Click here to view the Newsletter online <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The__Week__in__Germany/TWIG__110916.html>

German Ambassador Peter Ammon Presents Credentials to President Obama

At their White House meeting on the eve of the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Ambassador Ammon also conveyed his profound sympathy to the President and personally delivered a message from Chancellor Merkel in which she expressed her compassion for the victims and their families.

Ambassador Presents Credentials : <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2011/09/09__Ammon__WH__PR.html>

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Merkel: Resolving Debt Crisis Calls for Step-by-Step Process

Chancellor Merkel expressed confidence this week that through closer cooperation within the eurozone the process of stabilizing the currency would be successful. She also stressed that the solution to the current debt crisis rests in a step-by-step process.

Resolving Debt Crisis: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2011/09/16__Merkel__Euro__PR.html>