



Palatines to America 2016 Conference Information and Registration Form

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June 22-25, 2016
The Hilton at Grand Wayne Conference
Center

Palatines to America is pleased to welcome you to the 2016 National Conference, to be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Speakers are Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Carolyn Wright Whitton, Ernest Thode, John Beatty, and Melissa Tennant.

Wednesday, June 22

Bus Tour of **Zion Friedheim Church** (breakfast served at the church), a tour of the home of **Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken**, **St. John Bingen Church**, which was founded through the missionary efforts of Rev. Wyneken (lunch served at the church), **Emmanuel-Soest Church**, the largest confessional Lutheran church body in America (dessert served at the church), and **St. Paul's Church**, established in 1837 and one of the founding congregations of the Lutheran Church. (Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m.)

Cost is \$45, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Thursday, June 23

Allen County Public Library available for research.

HOTEL INFORMATION

(Rooms will sell out quickly, make your reservations now)

Cut-off date for hotel reservations is May 15, 2016

The Hilton at Grand Wayne Conference Center
1020 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-420-1100 *Group code PAL*
www.hilton.com

Conference rate: \$104 plus tax, free parking
Reservations open now!



Speakers:

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CGSM

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, author of the *Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866 on Microfilm at the Family History Library*, is the owner of Lind Street Research, dedicated to helping people discover their German ancestry. She is a popular speaker for national, regional, and local genealogical societies.

Reading German gothic script found in Germanic records prior to the mid-1900s is second nature to her. Researching ancestors in Chicago and the Midwest is another of Teresa's specialty areas. She is a multi-year attendee of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG).

Teresa is a member of NGS, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and many Germanic and local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society in Arlington Heights, Illinois and is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

Topics:

- *So You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?*
- *Boost Your Germanic Research: Understand Historical Jurisdictions*
- *Who Does That? Entering the World of Professional Genealogy*
- *Internet Sources for Your Germanic Genealogy*
- *Her Took HER Name: Understanding German Farm Names*

Ernest Thode

Ernie Thode is a Hoosier native and a graduate of Purdue University and Stanford University. He is a former high school and university teacher of German, retired local history & genealogy librarian in Marietta, Ohio, and author of *German-English Genealogical Dictionary*, *Historic German Newspapers Online*, and *Genealogy at a Glance: German Genealogy Research*, co-author with Chris Anderson of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors*, and award-winning columnist for his "Family Tree" column in *The Marietta Times* and his "Ask Ernie" column for *The Palatine Immigrant*. He has lectured on German genealogy topics in 17 states.

Topics:

- *Finding Two 1819 Passenger Lists That Do Not Exist: If you Were a Passenger List, Where Would You Be?*
- *CASHDOLLAR, BLACKWELDER & PENNYPACKER: Tracing Surnames Back to the German Form*

Carolyn Wright Whitton, CGSM

Carol Whitton speaks and writes on German genealogy, US migration, and other genealogy topics. Presently she is Project Director for the St. Louis Genealogy Society and their past vice-president of programs. In 2015 she co-lead a St. Louis group to Salt Lake City for German Research. In 2013 she co-organized and taught a week-long St. Louis German Genealogy Research Institute, and she leads the St. Louis Genealogy Societies' German Special Interest Group (SIG). She's a graduate of Germanic Family History Research of Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), the National Institute for Genealogical Research (NIGR), and Virginia Institute for Genealogical Research (VIGR). Before moving to St. Louis in 2009, for 10 years she led the German SIG of the Fairfax Genealogy Society in Fairfax County, Virginia and also served as president of the Roots Users Group of Arlington (Virginia), a Master Genealogist software users group.

For thirty-one years she was employed as an international agricultural economist for the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, specializing in China, cotton, international commodities and international agricultural trade. Following retirement in 2005 she worked eighteen months as a genealogist at the National Society Daughters of American Revolution. She attended Indiana University, National Taiwan University, the George Washington University and the University of Maryland. Her degrees include a joint BA in history and Chinese language and literature, an MA in the economy of China and international economics, and all but the thesis on an MS in international agricultural economics.

Topics:

- *German Village Not Yet Found?*
- *Reading Handwritten German Church Records*
- *Records Beyond the Parish at the Family History Library*
- *Researching Pre-1800 U.S. Germans*

John Beatty, CGSM

John D. Beatty has been a reference librarian in The Genealogy Center since 1984 and also serves as its principal bibliographer. He received a BA with high honors in History from the University of Michigan in 1982, and a MA in History and Library Science with honors in 1984. He became a Board-certified genealogist in 2014.

He is the author of sixteen books on local and family history, including works on German and early American families, abstracts of town vital records from Biddeford, Maine, and annotated narratives from the Irish

Rebellion of 1798, as well as numerous articles on a variety of genealogical and local historical topics. In 2006, he served as principal editor for volume one of a two-volume *History of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana, 1700-2005*, the first history of Allen County produced since 1917.

Because of a diversified family background, he has genealogical expertise in a variety of areas. He has conducted original research on families from colonial New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Kentucky, as well as on seventeenth and eighteenth century families from Ireland, Germany and Switzerland. He serves as archivist for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, and his interests also include local Fort Wayne and Allen County history.

Topic: *German Resources at the Allen County Library*

Melissa Tennant

Melissa Tennant began her career as a genealogy librarian in Tampa, Florida in 2001. She has a BS in Business Administration from the University of Florida and a MA in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. She previously supervised the History & Genealogy Collection for the Hillsborough County Public Library in Florida, which included managing the collection, programs, and services at the downtown facility and two satellite branch locations and was an adjunct instructor for the University of South Florida's MLS program, teaching Introduction to Genealogical Research from 2006-2007.

Melissa pursued her interest in genealogy instruction and joined the staff of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 2007, where she co-coordinates the programs and seminars held by The Center and focuses on southeastern United States research and the use of emerging technologies in genealogy. She has presented at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Indiana Genealogical Society Conference, and Southern California Genealogy Jamboree. She is a former director for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Melissa was promoted to Assistant Manager in 2012.

Topic: *PERSI (Periodical Source Index)*

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Deadline for Conference Registration May 15, 2016

Please print

NAME _____ Membership # _____ Non-Member _____

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ Phone ____/____/____ E-mail _____

Surnames you are researching: Please Print

1 _____ 3 _____

2 _____ 4 _____

Conference Package	(Members)	_____	× \$165	\$ _____
	(Non-Members)	_____	× \$185	\$ _____
Includes: lectures, handouts, syllabus, Friday continental breakfast and lunch, social hour and banquet, Saturday continental breakfast and lunch				

Per diem (includes lectures, handouts, syllabus, meals as above) _____ × \$95 \$ _____

Late Registration (after May 15, 2016) _____ × \$30 \$ _____

Bus tour (June 22) of the local Churches (includes breakfast and lunch) _____ × \$45 \$ _____

Research at the Allen County Public Library (no cost)

Additional Friday continental breakfast _____ × \$10 \$ _____

Additional Friday lunch _____ × \$23 \$ _____

Additional Friday night banquet _____ × \$35 \$ _____

Additional Saturday continental breakfast _____ × \$10 \$ _____

Additional Saturday lunch _____ × \$22 \$ _____

Banquet Includes: Social Hour and Cash Bar, Dinner, Awards Presentations, Speaker

Conference Fee Total \$ _____

YES! I/We want to be a member of Pal-Am Chapter \$35 ... for Family \$40 \$ _____

Chapter selected _____ (select one: CO, IL, IN, OH, NC, NY, PA)

TOTAL PAYMENT:

Checks payable to **PALATINES TO AMERICA** **TOTAL** \$ _____

Mail Form and Payment to: Pal-Am Conference
PO Box 141260, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Attendees responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

Note any allergies, dietary or special needs.

Conference Schedule

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Friday June 24—8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
9:00 a.m. Vendor room opens
9:30 a.m. Seminars begin, Banquet Friday evening

Saturday June 25—8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:45 a.m. Membership meeting
9:00 a.m. Seminars continue

Conference ends at 3:00 p.m.

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