

*Ute Brandenburg*

**“Von Schickago Gradeaus” - Wohin wanderte Onkel August aus, und wie finde ich seine Nachkommen?**

Auswanderer nach Amerika gab es in fast jeder Familie. Der Kontakt mit deutschen Angehörigen blieb aber selten über die erste Generation hinaus bestehen. Computer Genealogie und Online-Datenbanken machen es möglich: es ist heute gar nicht so schwierig, die Amerikafahrer unter Ihren Vorfahren aufzuspüren. **In German**

*Dr. Wolfgang Grams*

**Streben nach Glück - deutsche Auswanderung nach Amerika**

Für etwa sieben Millionen Menschen aus deutschsprachigen Ländern war Amerika Hoffnung, Verheißung, letzte Rettung oder Flucht, aber auch Moloch und Enttäuschung. Glaubensfreiheit, Suche nach Land, Karriere und andere Motive mehr haben sie bewegt. Der Vortrag zeichnet Ursachen und Verlauf der deutschen Auswanderung in biografischen Porträts und interessanten Bildern nach und führt dabei auch in Strategien historisch biografischer Forschung auf der Suche nach dem reichen Onkel in Amerika ein. **In German**

*Timo Kracke*

**CompGen und viel mehr - entdecken sie die online Quellen der genealogischen Vereine in Deutschland**

Der Verein für Computergenealogie (CompGen) bietet Familienforschern eine Vielzahl an frei zugänglichen Datenbanken, während die genealogischen Vereine Deutschlands an vielen Projekten gemeinsam arbeiten und die Ergebnisse auf [genealogy.net](http://genealogy.net) veröffentlichen. Darüber hinaus bieten viele Vereine eigene Datenbanken mit dem speziellen Fokus auf ihr eigenes Forschungsgebiet an. Entdecken Sie neue Quellen, die es bei den genealogischen Vereinen in Deutschland zu erforschen gibt. **In German**

*Roger P. Minert, PhD, AG®, FUGA*  
**Enumerated, Registered and Forgotten: Censuses and Residential Registration in Germany**

Learn about the form and content of both Censuses and Residential Registration records, two lesser-known resources throughout the German Empire, and how to use them to discover ancestral genealogical details.

*Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL*  
**Which Johann Christoph is Mine?**

When every family in town shares a surname and all the sons are Johann Christoph or Gerhard, and all the daughters are Maria or Margarethe, how do we distinguish among them? What are the tools we can use to figure out which Johann Christoph is mine?

*Katherine Schober, MA*

**A Wealth of Websites: Deciphering the German Script Made Easy**

Learn the multitude of websites and tools the Internet has to offer to make deciphering the old German handwriting easier and more fun.

*Diahan Southard*

**It is Getting Easier to Be Genetically German - The Latest Updates!**

DNA ethnicity results used to be simply the pre-show of your DNA testing experience. Something that warmed you up for the real genetic genealogy work happening in your DNA match list. But significant advances in technology and database growth have catapulted ethnicity results into the main event and are providing information that can provide insight into the homelands of our ancestors.

*Michael Strauss, AG®*

**German 1848ers and Their Fight Towards Freedom**

Germans who participated in the Revolution of 1848 favoring unification of Germany. With the failed revolution many fled to the United States to continue their quest for civil liberties.

## ALSACE-LORRAINE

*Charlotte Champenois*

### **Finding Records Online for Germans in Alsace-Lorraine**

Researching Germans in Alsace-Lorraine? Learn to convert French Republican calendar dates and locate Alsace-Lorraine records on department archival websites. **All Levels**

*Kenneth Heger*

### **Problems with Alsace-Lorraine? Consider Kehl**

Learn how to use the records of the American consulate in Kehl, Baden (1882-1917) to search for answers about your family in German Alsace-Lorraine. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

## ARCHIVES

*Ute Brandenburg*

### **Hidden Gems in German Archives**

You've exhausted available parish records? You may not have reached the end of the road. German archives hold astonishing treasures. Learn what records might exist and how to obtain them. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

*Viktor Pordzik*

### **Die Maus and the Bremen Archives**

Founded in 1924, the "Maus" is one of the oldest and one of the largest genealogical societies of Germany. Located directly inside the building of the Bremen state archives, it contains itself a vast amount of fonds, collections, books and databases, shedding light on the history of the people of Bremen and the surrounding areas. **All Levels**

## AROUND THE WORLD

*Daniel Earl*

### **Banat German Research Tips**

Do you have Banat ancestors? This class will give you ten tips to accelerate your research, break through brick walls and find your elusive Banat ancestors. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Benjamin Hollister*

### **Germans in Asia and Oceania: Why You Should Care!**

Germans lived and died in the world beyond the big migrant destinations. Language and access can make finding these records difficult. **All Levels**

*Benjamin Hollister*

### **Wir fahren nach Australien: Who Went Down Under, When and Why**

German families did not always migrate together; in fact, some went to opposite ends of the earth. Find out how to track your cousins in Australia. **All Levels**

*Dirk Weissleder*

### **Find Your Global German Cousin**

Where and how can I find my global cousin with German ancestry, especially outside of today's Germany? Where did the Germans go worldwide? **Beginner Level**

## BAVARIA

*Marcel Elias*

### **Introduction to Bavarian Records**

This lecture introduces basic church and civil records available from Bavaria for all denominations (Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish), as well as show where they can be found (on-line or in archives). **Beginner Level**

## CHURCH RECORDS

*Daniel Earl*

### **Kirchenbücher on FamilySearch: Tips for Beginners**

Have you tapped into the power of the digitized, but largely unindexed German Church Books on FamilySearch.org? This class will show you how! **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Daniel R. Lilienkamp, JD*

**Advanced German Church Records**

Liturgical dating, calendar changes, and archaic script combine to make interpreting church records a difficult process. This case study using 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century church records will show you how. **All Levels**

**EMIGRATION/IMMIGRATION**

*Claire Gebben and Angela Weber*

**Following the Trail: Emigrant Letters of the 19th Century / Spurensuche: Auswandererbriefe aus dem 19. Jahrhundert**

A look at the challenges and opportunities German immigrants experienced, and their impressions of the New World, through letters they wrote back to the homeland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. **All Levels**

*Dr. Wolfgang Grams, PhD*

**Missler, Ballin, Linnenschmidt and Co. Emigrant Agents and Travel Patterns**

Friedrich Missler operated a huge network of agencies for the North German Lloyd all over Europe. Albert Ballin was a travel Agent before he was promoted General Manager of the HAPAG. The lecture focuses on the role of agents in the migration experience and on records that were once created. **All Levels**

*André Hammann*

**German Immigration in Brazil – Historical and Cultural Aspects**

Brazil has the second largest German immigrants after the USA. Timeline, mainly after 1824 (200 years in 2024). Emigration from German States and immigration to Brazil. Hard beginning, hard work, education (language/ dialects) and religion. **All Levels**

*Corinna Meiß*

**Gesponserte Auswanderung aus dem Oberharz/Königreich Hannover in die USA 1848-1855**

Ein verborgener Schatz an Unterlagen wartet auf seine Entdeckung: Tausende von Seiten über die gesponserte Auswanderung aus dem Oberharz in die USA, Australien und Südamerika in den Jahren 1848-1855. **All Levels**

*Wade Olsen*

**German-Bohemian Immigration: Why They Left Their Homeland and Where They Settled in the United States**

Learn about German-Bohemian immigration from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The focus will include reasons why people left their homelands, including economic conditions, family size and inheritance, land availability, and military service requirements. **All Levels**

*Suzanne Trotter, AG®*

**Early German Immigration—Where They Came From, Where They Settled, and When They Migrated**

Mass migration out of the Palatinate region of Germany began in 1708. By June 1709, thousands of Palatines flooded both Rotterdam and London. In fall 1709, 11 ships were loaded full of these immigrants to be sent to America. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

**GALICIA**

*Carolyn Schott*

**The Road Less Traveled: German Enclaves in Galicia, Bukovina, and Bessarabia**

Germans have often been adventurers, seeking out new opportunities in far-off places. We'll discuss Germans who settled in three little-known eastern regions and how to research these families. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Zbigniew Stettner*

## **Resources for Researching German Colonists in Former Galicia**

Learn how to use online resources and records available in Polish and Ukrainian archives for searching German colonists in Galicia (Austria in the 19th century, current South-East Poland and Western Ukraine). **All Levels**

## GERMAN AMERICAN RESEARCH

*Dr. Michael Lacopo, DVM*

### **Advanced Problem Solving in Pennsylvania German Research**

Several case studies will be presented showing lesser-utilized research tactics, repositories, records, and resources used to find information about our Pennsylvania German ancestors.

**Intermediate, Advanced Level**

## GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

*Ellie Vance*

### **An Introduction to Germans from Russia**

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the history of Germans in Russia including emigration from Germany, life in Russia, and immigration to the Americas. **All Levels**

## GERMAN RESEARCH STRATEGIES

*Ute Brandenburg*

### **Dodging Brick Walls**

Most road blocks we encounter are avoidable. Learn how to recognize and overcome the most common issues that can cause an impasse in German research. **Beginner, Intermediate**

**Level**

*Joseph B. Everett, AG®, MLS*

### **Johann Who? Of What Place? Overcoming Butchered Names of People and Places**

The names of our ancestors and their ancestral homes are often recorded and passed down in unrecognizable forms. Learn techniques for unscrambling personal and place names to find your family. **Intermediate Level**

*Debra A. Hoffman*

### **The Quest to Find the Heimat: German Research Basics**

Successful German research begins by locating the town of origin in Germany. This lecture will provide basic tenets for how to identify an ancestor's German town of origin and what information is necessary to locate that crucial piece of information. **Beginner Level**

*Debra A. Hoffman*

### **Heimat Found: Researching in Germany**

Once the German town of origin is identified, what are the next steps necessary to access the records? This lecture will outline how to proceed with research in German records. **All Levels**

## HANDWRITING

*Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG*

### **Decode German Gothic Script**

Reading German script seems overwhelming. Panic no more! This presentation will teach you how to read and write, first letters then words. No prior experience required. The syllabus includes resources for continued success.

**Beginner Level**

*Katherine Schober, MA*

## **I Don't Speak German! Transcription and Translation Tricks for German Records**

Learn the top resources to help translate your German records - accurately. From Microsoft Word hacks to invaluable online tools, this presentation offers you the chance to understand your German records. **All Levels**

*Katherine Schober, MA*

## **All You Need to Know about Names in German Records**

Learn the ten most important facts about names in German records. From spelling variations and suffixes to straight lines and "Rufnamen," this presentation teaches you the practices you should recognize. **Beginner Level**

## HESSE

*Peter Lubrecht, PhD*

### **Finding "Hessian Ancestors" Debunking the Myths**

An illustrated presentation of the "real story" about the Hessian troops in the American Revolution. **All Levels**

## JEWISH

*Karen Franklin*

### **The Leo Baeck Institute: Home of German Jewish Genealogy**

This presentation describes the Leo Baeck Institute collections of interest to researchers of German Jewish families; how to find material and best utilize the collections. **All Levels**

## METHODOLOGY

*Daniel Jones, MS, AG®*

### **The Search for Anna Hansen: Using Geography to Find German Records**

Anna Hansen was born in Germany—but where? We'll discuss records that can help find her hometown, and how discovering the geographic history of her birthplace led to unexpected records. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Daniel Jones, MS, AG®*

### **Solving Complex Genealogical Problems: Finding Balthasar Weber**

A search of the parish registers did not show any record of Balthasar Weber. But a more in-depth study showed he was born, married, and died there. Let's find him together. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

*Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG*

### **Stymied by Stieglers: Solved Using Indirect Evidence**

Christina Stiegler arrived in Cincinnati in 1874. United States sources name no birth town. A DNA match provides a clue. Assemble indirect evidence to find Christina's town of birth. **All Levels**

*Dana Palmer, CG, CGL*

### **Striking Gold: Using Cluster Research to Identify an Unknown Father**

Blended ethnic families can be tough to trace. Be successful finding your German ancestor's parents by using cluster research techniques and free online tools. **Intermediate Level**

## OCCUPATIONS

*Fritz Juengling, PhD, AG®*

### **The Genealogical Value of German Guild Records**

The history, structure, and purpose of guilds. Then, we look at some of the many record types that guilds created and how they can be of use to the researcher, especially when church records are missing and how these records can fill those gaps. **Intermediate Level**

## ONLINE

*James Beidler*

### **Finding the Right German Place with On- and Offline Tools**

Researching a village of origin often is only half finished when you find the name. This presentation shows you how to de-garble the place name and find it on a map! **Beginner Level**

*Dr. Michael Lacopo, DVM*

### **German Genealogy on the Internet - Beyond the Basics**

How can we further our German research from the comfort of our American homes? There are many English and German-language websites available that may have the answers you seek! **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

## POMMERANIA

*Camille Andrus, BA, AG®*

### **Pomeranian Perks: Resources for Research in Pomerania**

An overview of tools for researching your ancestors in Pomerania. **Intermediate Level**

## POTPOURRI

*Kim Ashford*

### **Learning to Use German American Newspapers**

German American newspapers can be a valuable resource if you can read them. Learn tips on how to find and use them even when your German language skills are minimal. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Gail Blankenau*

### **Marrying the Farm: Rural Family Inheritance Strategies**

German farm names can pose complex research problems. Although Germans had a male preference for farm transfers, German farmers used a range of flexible inheritance strategies to address their family needs. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

*Daniel R. Lilienkamp, JD*

### **Using Ortssippenbücher to Research German Ancestors**

Ortssippenbücher contain genealogical information about families within a town, village, or parish. This case study will show you how to follow generations through the records. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Michael Strauss, AG®*

### **Secret Societies: German Americans in Fraternal Organizations**

German Americans have always had strong fraternal connections to their heritage. Dating back to the nineteenth century and earlier several organizations were formed and have left records for genealogists today. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

*Zbigniew Stettner*

### **Mapping Your Ancestors. Using Free Online Services to Build Interactive Maps**

You will learn how to join information from various sources with old and current maps to build beautiful and informative map applications for family history. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

### **Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA World War I U.S. Alien Registrations: History and Extant Records**

Registrations of non-citizen Germans and some others were forced during WWI. German language, schools, newspapers, and other freedoms were concealed or eliminated. Learn what records and related information exists. **All Levels**

## PRUSSIA

*Camille Andrus, BA, AG®*

### **Essential Resources for Research in East and West Prussia**

An introduction to helpful websites for researching your ancestors from East and West Prussia. **Intermediate Level**

*Stephen Wendt, MLIS*

## **Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study**

Gain a better understanding of historical Prussia in the pursuit of records. This case-study approach offers numerous examples and resources in order to promote your Prussian research objectives. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

## RHEINLAND

*Claire Gebben*

### **Explore the Rhineland-Palatinate!**

Why did most German-speaking 17th, 18th, and early 19th century immigrants come from the Rhineland-Palatinate? An exploration of the history, culture, and important genealogy resources of this region. **All Levels**

*Roland Paul*

### **Emigrant Sources in the Archives of Rheinland-Pfalz and the Emigrant Card File in Kaiserslautern**

In the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz different state archives (Koblenz, Speyer, Trier), and several local archives provide information on emigrants as well as the emigrant card file in Kaiserslautern. **All Levels**

## SAXONY

*Kenneth Heger*

### **America and Saxony, 1837-1917: Records of the Department of State**

Learn how to use records of the American consulates in Saxony to find birth and death reports of Americans and names of relatives who had stayed behind in Germany. **Intermediate, Advanced Level**

*Lars Thiele*

### **How to Find the Places of Your Ancestors in Saxony**

Finding places in Germany can be difficult, because of name spelling, geographical locations and administrative changes in history. Learn about special features and helpful tools for the search in Saxony. **All Levels**

*Irmtraud Tiemann*

## **Searching Ancestors in Osnabrück: What You Should Know**

This lecture may give an impression about the Osnabrück area, little about history, sources (online or offline) for genealogists, helpful organizations as archives, genealogical societies like OSFA. **Beginner Level**

## SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

*Charlotte Champenois*

### **Schleswig-Holstein Germans: Finding, Searching, and Browsing Online Census Records**

Learn about censuses containing Schleswig-Holstein residents, including which areas there are census records from (and their indexing status) and how to locate specific people in those census records. **All Levels**

## SWITZERLAND

*Daniel Jones, MS, AG®*

### **Don't Miss Your Swiss! The Quirks of Researching in Switzerland**

Although mostly German-speaking, Switzerland is just different enough to give you headaches. We'll discuss the quirks of research so you can avoid the pitfalls and successfully find your Swiss ancestors. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

## TECH TIPS

*Diane Schmidt*

### **Beyond the Basics: Google Tips and Products for Germanic Genealogists**

Learn how to search Google more effectively and also how to use products such as Google Books, Google Translate, Google Images and Google Drive to advance your Germanic genealogy hunt. **Beginner, Intermediate Level**

## IGGP 2021 CONFERENCE PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

**Camille Andrus**, BA, AG® earned a BA in Genealogy with a German minor from Brigham Young University. She is a Research Consultant at the Family History Library specializing in Armenian, German, and Polish research. Camille serves on the FEEFHS board, as an ICAPGenSM commissioner, and as a Vice President of AHSGR's Intermountain chapter.

**Kim Ashford** has a passion for helping others learn how to research. She has a degree from Brigham Young University with an emphasis in Family History. She served as president of the Germanic Genealogy Society (MN) and is one of the founders and a previous board member of the IGGP.

**James M. Beidler** is the author of four commercially published books. Beidler writes "Roots & Branches," a weekly newspaper column and blog (at [www.roots-branches.com](http://www.roots-branches.com)), is a German Life magazine columnist and a research-reports editor for Legacy Tree Genealogists.

**Gail Shaffer Blankenau**, MA, is on a mission to help genealogists succeed in their research. A professional genealogist, author, and speaker, she has roots in England, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, with ancestors in almost every state east of the Mississippi.

**Ute Brandenburg** is a professional genealogist Ute Brandenburg is a bilingual German American living in Iowa City, Iowa. Educated in Germany, she combines her lifelong immersion in German culture, history, and geography with in-depth knowledge of migration history as well as genealogical sources of the United States. Among Ute's research interests are German immigration to the Midwest, research in the former Eastern Provinces of Prussia, and Jewish family history. Recently, Ute has been highly successful in using DNA to solve some of the most challenging cases of unknown origin of German immigrants. Ute is the owner of German Script Experts.

**Charlotte Noelle Champenois** is a native of Denmark and a long-time resident of Utah, works as a German Research Specialist for the Family History Library, where she gives webinars and helps guests with research and translation. Charlotte has co-authored a book on Austrian research and two articles on IAP and Matricula-Online.

**Dan Earl** has been doing genealogical researching for thirty years. He started as a boy when his dad started took him to the old family cemetery. He is a professional genealogical speaker and researcher and has spoken to groups around the world. He is the president of the Virtual Genealogical Association and the Hungarian Genealogical Society of Michigan. When he's not teaching about genealogy, he is a substitute high school history and English teacher. He lives in mid-Michigan with his wife and six kids.

**Marcel Elias** is a professional Genealogist since 2012 based in Nürnberg, Germany, member of APG, specialized in on-site genealogical research in archives, parishes and civil registration offices in Bavaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

**Joseph B. Everett**, AG®, MLS is the Family and Local History Librarian at Brigham Young University. In his 25-year career, he has also worked for FamilySearch and Ancestry. He has a BA in Genealogy (German emphasis) and Russian and a Master of Library Science and is accredited in German and Russian research.

**Karen S. Franklin** is the Director of Family History at the Leo Baeck Institute, New York. She is a past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and a recipient of its 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. She also served as Co-Chair of the Board of Governors of JewishGen.org.

**Claire Gebben** is the author of *The Last of the Blacksmiths* and the memoir *How We Survive Here*. She and Angela Weber share a common ancestry and worked together to translate German immigrant letters for publication. Claire holds an MFA and speaks on genealogy for numerous venues. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

**Dr. Wolfgang Grams**, PhD is an author, researcher, planner of heritage projects and travel professional. He started "Research and Travel" in 1996, then as a professor at Oldenburg University, was academic adviser for the Emigration Center Bremerhaven, research consultant for Ancestry.com in Germany, conducts heritage tours and teaches workshops and seminars.

**André Hammann** was born in 1983 in Três de Maio, Brazil; Mechanical Engineer, MBA, Project Manager in Ag industry; speaks Portuguese, English, German and Spanish. Genealogist by hobby, board member of GenealogiaRS and IGGP; joined IGGCs 2017 and 2019, lecturer, German and Austrian genealogy books co-author, has 84 German-speaking immigrants (1825-1897).

**Kenneth W. Heger's** career includes being the Director of the University of Maryland's Archives and Digital Curation specialization and a 32-year employee at the National Archives. He is the president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and has a Ph.D. in History.

**Debra A. Hoffman** specializes in Maryland and German research. Debra is a professional genealogist and the owner of Hoffman Genealogical Services. She has a certificate in Family History from Brigham Young University, a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (PLCGS)-German Records and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**Ben Hollister** has been a professional genealogist since 2007, and a historical researcher since 1997. He owns and operates a historical research business focusing on German-Australian research, runs historical tours, and offers a variety of support services to researchers, including mentoring and reviews, as well as undertaking his own research.

**Daniel R. Jones**, MS, AG® is an Accredited Genealogist specializing in Swiss and German research. After graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University, Daniel worked professionally for over a dozen years in helping several high-profile clients with research all over Europe. He has experience in numerous archives across more than a dozen countries in Europe, North America, Africa, and Australia. Daniel has also presented at multiple national conferences, including FGS, IGHR, SLIG, FEEFHS, and RootsTech. He is currently a research specialist in Germanic and Slavic Europe for the Family History Library.

**Fritz W. Juengling**, PhD, AG® received his Doctorate in Germanic Philology with minors in both English and Linguistics at the University of Minnesota. He is an Accredited Genealogist® for Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, and Sweden ICAPGen, and certified by the Verband deutschsprachiger Berufsgenealogen. Dr. Juengling is a German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Research Consultant at the Family History Library.

**Timo Kracke** is a hobby genealogist who has more than 20 years of experience in genealogy. Timo volunteers for several German societies, is a board member for Oldenburgische Gesellschaft für Familienkunde e.V. and director at-large for the International German Genealogy Partnership. Since 2012 Timo is the voice of the German Podcast "der Genealoge" and in 2014 he started the Kids-Genealogy project "die Familienforscher" where he publishes guides and ideas about involving Kids in Genealogy for the field of Kindergarten, School, Societies and gives tips for literature and excursions. Timo is a tech guy who is available in several social networks and loves to share his knowledge with the community.

**Michael Lacopo**, DVM, is a retired small-animal veterinarian and professional genealogist born and raised in northern Indiana. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described "all-American mutt," his research skills cover a broad range, with specialties in German research, Mid-Atlantic American research, genetic genealogy, social history, and advanced problem-solving.

**Daniel Lilienkamp** is a Reference Specialist at History & Genealogy, lectures on complex sources for U.S. Frontier, African American, Quebec, German, Alsace-Lorraine, and Swiss Research.

**Dr. Peter Lubrecht** PhD, is an author awarded the "Eric Hartleb German Historian of the Year Award" from the National Steuben Society for "Carl Schurz: German American Statesman; Germans in New Jersey; New Jersey Hessians Truth and Lore; The Butterfly Boys in the Civil War.

**Teresa Steinkamp McMillin**, CG® is the author of Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866 on Microfilm at the Family History Library, researches German ancestry and reads German script. She taught at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She created courses for Ancestry Academy and Legacy.

**Corinna Meiß** has a degree in Political Sciences and Political Economics. She has worked for many years in the industry in corporate public relations and marketing departments before she became a self-employed historian.

**Roger P. Minert**, PhD, AG®, FUGA received his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University in German language history and second language acquisition theory. He taught German language and history for ten years, and then became a professional family history researcher. Accredited by the Family History Library for research in Germany and Austria, he worked for twelve years as a private genealogical researcher. From 2003 to 2019, he served as a professor of family history at Brigham Young University. The author of more than 200 publications, he directs the research program *German Immigrants in American Church Records*; the series now consists of 33 volumes. In 2019, Minert was recognized for his years of service to the Palatines to America Society and also received the "Shirley Riemer Lifetime Achievement Award" from the International German Genealogy Partnership. In 2020 was named a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association. From his home in Provo, Utah he continues to write articles on Germanic genealogy and participate in conferences nation-wide.

**Wade Olsen** is President of the German Bohemian Heritage Society based in New Ulm, Minnesota. He is a Historian, Speaker, Genealogist and Tour Director. Owner of Travel Wade, a tour company focused on tours to central Europe. His specialty is German Bohemian ancestry, designing tours and bringing people to explore the lands of their ancestors.

**Dana Palmer**, CG®, CGL(SM) has been a genealogy instructor at Sinclair Community College since 2010. She has spoken at RootsTech, NGS, FGS, and frequently at OGS. She specializes in lineage society applications, publishing family books, and Midwestern research – specifically Ohio, but she also has experience in Germany, Denmark, and the U.K.

**Roland Paul** was born in Landstuhl, grew up in Steinwenden; joined the Genealogical Society of the Palatinate at the age of 16; studied History, German language and Sociology at the universities in Landau and Mainz. In 1978 became associate director of the Institute for the History of the Palatinate in Kaiserslautern; from 2012 to retirement 2016 director. Since 2017 President of the Genealogical Society of the Palatinate. Published many articles and books.

**Judy G. Russell**, JD, CG, CGL. The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup>. Her award-winning blog is at <https://www.legalgenealogist.com>.

**Diane Schmidt** is the Chair of the Germanic Genealogy Society of Minnesota's Library Committee and writes a monthly column about library resources for the society's electronic newsletter. She presented Expect the Unexpected at the 2019 IGGP conference. She was formerly an academic librarian and enjoys combining genealogy and librarianship.

**Katherine Schober** is a German-English genealogy speaker, author, and translator, specializing in the old German handwriting. She is the author of "The Magic of German Church Records" and "Tips and Tricks of Deciphering German Handwriting", as well as the creator of the online course "Reading the Old German Handwriting." Katherine lives in St. Louis with her Austrian husband, and can be reached via e-mail at [language@sktranslations.com](mailto:language@sktranslations.com) or via her website, [www.sktranslations.com](http://www.sktranslations.com).

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