

German Genealogy

The Mini-Course Concept

The Genealogy Center mini-courses are an exciting series of educational workshops featuring an invigorating combination of expert lectures, individual consultations and assisted research in the vast resources available at the Allen County Public Library. The compact, two day mini-courses are offered quarterly, and cover a variety of topics of interest to the family historian. Researchers have the opportunity to benefit from top-notch instruction and then immediately apply what they have learned in the extensive collections of The Genealogy Center. Attendees begin each day with classroom instruction presented by experts on the subject. A guided tour of The Genealogy Center rounds out the first day and both days feature time for assisted research and consultations with the instructors and Genealogy Center staff. Students receive a packet of instructional materials, and are provided with snacks during morning and afternoon breaks to help keep everyone energized! Lunch is on your own, so attendees may choose to brown bag or eat at one of the many local restaurants within a short walk of the library. The mini-course format offers genealogists a quality educational experience at a very modest price. Attendance is limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

German Genealogy

John Beatty, MA, MLS, and Steve Myers, MLS, are presenting the **German Genealogy** mini-course on Thursday and Friday, June 9th and 10th, 2011. This workshop is an excellent introduction for researchers with little or no experience in German records and covers basic sources and techniques that lead to success. Program details are included in the schedule on the facing page. Of course, attendees are free to bypass any individual session to take advantage of additional research and consultation time. Information about other educational programs offered by The Genealogy Center is posted on our Web site at www.GenealogyCenter.org/Events.aspx

Meet Your Instructors

John D. Beatty, MA, MLS, has been a reference librarian and bibliographer for The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library for 27 years. John has authored several genealogies and local histories and has conducted extensive research in Irish, German (Bavarian, West Prussian and Pomeranian), Swiss and American records. He holds masters degrees in History and Library Science from the University of Michigan.

Steven W. Myers, MLS, has been a reference librarian and assistant manager of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library for the past 25 years. Steve has conducted on-site research in 66 county courthouses in 7 states, as well as in record offices in Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland. His own, supposedly Dutch, Myers family lived in the German Palatine settlements of New York, but was actually from Switzerland!

Materials for German Research in The Genealogy Center

The Genealogy Center's collection focuses on North America, but still contains hundreds of printed volumes on Germany including research guides, maps, family histories and dozens of periodical titles. There are, of course, abundant resources for discovering the specific place of origin of German-speaking immigrants to the United States and Canada. Microfilm holdings include the "direct lists" of passengers departing from Hamburg, Germany, 1850-1900. Visitors can also access online databases relating to Germany at Ancestry.com

Local Information

You may wish to contact the Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau for information about local accommodations for your visit, or for details about Germanfest, being held the same week. The CVB is located at 927 S. Harrison St. in downtown Fort Wayne, just one block from the Allen County Public Library. They can be reached toll-free at 800-767-7752 or online at www.visitfortwayne.com

Mini-Course Schedule

Thursday, June 9, 2011

9:00 a.m.	Library Opens
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Course Introduction
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	An Introduction to German Genealogical Research – Identifying an immigrant ancestor and their specific place of origin are the keys to research in German records. Learn about North American sources for finding these essential starting points.
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Using German Church Records – Learn how to locate, access, and utilize German church records. Search strategies and examples will be discussed.
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (A map of local restaurants will be provided.)
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Advancing Your Research with the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) – Learn how to plan a successful search, gather evidence, and record and document what you find.
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tour of Genealogy Center
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Assisted Research / Consultations
6:00 p.m.	Library Closes

Friday, June 10, 2011

9:00 a.m.	Library Opens
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	German Maps, Gazetteers & Other Important Printed Sources – Learn how to use maps and gazetteers to locate your ancestor's place of origin and its associated record-keeping jurisdictions. Other important German-language genealogical publications will also be introduced.
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Swiss Genealogical Records – Learn how to begin your Swiss research, find American sources for Swiss immigrants, utilize Swiss biographical and heraldic sources, and locate and interpret Swiss church records.
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (A map of local restaurants will be provided.)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Palatines Along the Hudson: Researching 18th Century Settlers on Livingston Manor – Learn about sources available to genealogists tracing ancestors on this important New York manor, including surviving manuscript collections such as the Robert R. Livingston Papers.
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Assisted Research / Consultations
6:00 p.m.	Library Closes

Registration for: German Genealogy on Thursday and Friday, June 9-10, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Registration fee: \$50 (Please make check payable to: "ACPL Foundation")

Send registration fee & this form to: Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library
P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

Cancellation after May 26, 2011 will incur a \$20 administrative fee.



The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library houses a world-renowned genealogical collection of more than 400,000 printed volumes and more than 659,000 pieces of microfilm and microfiche. Founded in 1961 as one of the first public library departments in the nation devoted to serving the needs of genealogists, the collection has grown to include many thousands of published family histories, local histories, directories, and local records from across the United States and Canada, as well as holdings for Great Britain, Ireland, and Western Europe. Its collection of English language genealogy and local history periodicals is the nation's largest. Each year The Center draws to its door thousands of visitors who welcome its central location in the Midwest, the ease of access to its collection, and the depth of its holdings.

- **BEST** genealogical collection in a Public Library
- **MODERN** research facility conveniently located in the Midwest
- **EXPERIENCED** professional staff providing exceptional research assistance
- **INTERNET** access to major online genealogy resources including: Ancestry.com, HeritageQuestOnline.com, NewEnglandAncestors.org, Footnote.com and WorldVitalRecords.com
- **SEARCHABLE ONLINE DATABASES** at www.GenealogyCenter.org
- **FREE WIRELESS** Internet access throughout the facility
- **MICROFILM** borrowing privileges with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- **QUICK TIPS** and **RESEARCH HELP** available online at Genealogy@ACPL.Info
- **SPECIALIZED SERVICES** provided by our Research Center for remote users
- **FREE ONLINE NEWSLETTER** *Genealogy Gems* highlights special collections and upcoming activities in The Genealogy Center
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