

Palatines to America
National Conference June 14-16, 2012
Indianapolis, Indiana



Conference Information
and Registration Form

**German Research Meets Methodology
& Technology**

June 14-16, 2012

Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel
7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Palatines to America welcomes you to the 2012 Annual Conference, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers are Michael John Neill and F. Warren Bittner. Enjoy seminars on research, searching the Internet, and taste some German cuisine. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Special event (see Conference registration form).

The Athenaeum of Indianapolis, originally called *Das Deutsche Haus*, was built in the 19th century and served the German-speaking community for years. The Rathskeller is reminiscent of both a quaint inn tucked in the Bavarian hills and a lively beer hall in Munich.

Join us for a delightful tour of the building on Thursday, a German buffet with an opportunity to purchase a liquid refreshment of your choice in the Rathskeller, and we are planning a special speaker. Bus transportation to and from the hotel is included, with the bus loading at approximately 3:15 p.m.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

Cut-off date for reservations is Friday, May 15, 2012.

Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 East 21st Street (at Interstate 465)
Indianapolis, IN 46219
317-352-1231 or 800-228-9290
www.indianapolismarriotteast.com

Single or double rooms \$104 + tax
Tell them you are with the Pal-Am Conference.
Group code is **LATIATA**.

LaQuinta Inn Indianapolis East

An extremely short walk across the same hotel parking lot.
7304 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
317-359-1021 or 866-527-1498

Single or double rooms \$72 + tax

Use your credit card to guarantee reservations.
Attendees responsible for their own lodging.

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Palatines to America Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, June 14, 2012

. Vendor Tables Open 4:00-8:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Pal-Am National Board Meeting

2:00-5:00 p.m. Registration

Athenaeum (Das Deutsche Haus) Event
(Must Pre-Register for Athenaeum)

3:15-3:45 p.m. Buses leave from hotel

4:00 p.m. Tour

5:00 p.m. Get-Acquainted Social

5:30 p.m. German Buffet

7:00 p.m. German Topic Lecture

8:00-8:30 p.m. Return to Hotel

FRIDAY, June 15, 2012

Vendor Tables Open 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Impossible Immigrant: I Know

Everything About the Man—Except
his Name (*Bittner*)

Crossing the Pond (*Neill*)

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Understanding Illegitimacy: The

Bittner Bastards of Bavaria (*Bittner*)

Germanic Research with

Ancestry.com™ (*Neill*)

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Elusive Immigrant: The Search for

Dora Lühr (*Bittner*)

What's New for German Researchers
on FamilySearch (*Neill*)

3:00-4:00 p.m.

“Beat the Children with a Fresh Birch
Stick” or Reading to Put Your

Family into Historical Context
(*Bittner*)

German Genealogy Websites (*Neill*)

5:00-6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Pal-Am Awards Banquet

SATURDAY, June 16, 2012

Vendor Tables Open 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-9:00 a.m. National Pal-Am Annual
Meeting (all members invited)

9:30-12:30 p.m.

Workshop (3 hours)

German Gothic Handwriting:

Anyone Can Read It

and

In-Depth Research and Writing

Practice (*Bittner*)

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Online Search Techniques (*Neill*)

11:00-12:00 Noon

Creating Your Own Blog (*Neill*)

12:30-2:00 p.m. German Buffet

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Determining Your Own Migration
Chain (*Neill*)

3:30 p.m.

Auf Wiedersehen



The Athenaeum, Das Deutsche Haus



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Deadline for Conference Registrations May 15, 2012

Please print

NAME _____ Membership # _____ Non-Member _____
 NAME _____ Membership # _____ Non-Member _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ State _____
 ZIP _____ Phone ____/____/____ E-mail _____

Surnames you are researching: Please Print

Member Fee

Non Member Fee

Conference Package _____ X \$160 \$ _____ Includes: lectures, handouts, CD syllabus, Friday lunch and banquet, Saturday lunch and gratuity	Conference Package _____ X \$190 \$ _____
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Late Registration _____ X \$20 \$ _____ Late Registration _____ X \$30 \$ _____

Thursday Athenaeum Tour _____ X \$40 \$ _____ Thursday Athenaeum Tour _____ X \$40 \$ _____

***Athenaeum (das Deutsche Haus) Tour Includes:** Transportation, German-Style Dinner and Lecture.*

Additional Friday Lunch _____ X \$25 \$ _____ Additional Friday Lunch _____ X \$25 \$ _____

Additional Friday Night Banquet _____ X \$40 \$ _____ Additional Friday Night Banquet _____ X \$40 \$ _____

***Banquet Includes:** Social Hour, Dinner, Award Presentations, Entertainment, Gratuity*

Additional Saturday German Lunch _____ X \$25 \$ _____ Additional Saturday German Lunch _____ X \$25 \$ _____

Member Fee Total \$ _____ Non-Member Fee Total \$ _____

I/We want to order a printed syllabus _____ X \$10 \$ _____

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

TOTAL PAYMENT:
 Checks payable to **PALATINES TO AMERICA** (ENCLOSED) **TOTAL** \$ _____

*Registration and Payment may be made
 through PayPal at www.palamnationalconference.org*

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



*Pal-Am is not responsible for lodging.
 Note any allergies, dietary or special needs.*

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Join Us to Hear Some Excellent Speakers!

F. Warren Bittner, MS, CG®

Warren Bittner, a Certified Genealogist, is a genealogical researcher and lecturer, with twenty-five years of research experience. He holds a Master of Science degree in History from Utah State University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria.

He is the owner of Ancestors Lost and Found, a small genealogical research firm in Salt Lake City. He has been the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, coordinating contracts to microfilm and index records at 102 archives in seven countries. He planned the German book acquisitions and internet publications.

Prior to that he worked in the extraction unit of the Family History Department and as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library at both the US and International reference counters. He has done research in more than fifty German archives and in more than forty US archives.

Michael John Neill, MS

Michael John Neill has been actively engaged in genealogy research for over twenty-five years. He has researched his children's Germanic ancestry in Ostfriesland, Thüringen, and Bayern (Bavaria).

He has also extensively researched their ancestry in most states east of the Mississippi, and has ancestors who arrived in America as early as the Mayflower and as recently as the 1880's.

An experienced courthouse and archives researcher, Michael has lectured on a variety of genealogy topics across the United States and has led research trips to the Allen County Public Library and the Family History Library for over ten years.

Michael writes a weekly how-to genealogy newsletter, *CasefileClues*, distributed electronically to subscribers in seven countries. Michael has a Master's Degree in Mathematics and is a professor of Mathematics at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois.

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