



Fall 2020 German Genealogical Seminars
Will be presented in two parts virtually via Zoom
On Friday, September 18th and Saturday, October 17th
Featuring KENT ROBINSON



Kent Robinson is the past president of the Indiana Chapter, and the immediate past national president of Palatines to America—German Genealogical Society. For the past 15 years he has researched his mother’s paternal ancestry in Germany, tracing them back to about 1530. He has enhanced his knowledge of German ancestry by attending the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, plus attending many regional and national conferences and conducting research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City as well as in Germany. He has served on the Executive committee of the International German Genealogy Partnership and on the board of directors of the Indiana German Heritage Society. He attended our CO-PALAM Seminar in October, 2016.



PART 1: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020, 1:30PM-3:30PM MDT

“Extend Your Genealogy Research—Using Websites to Locate Print Resources: WorldCat, InterLibrary Loan, Google Books, Internet Archive, PERSI, and others.

Although many of the examples will focus on German-related research, using these websites and techniques can apply to anyone’s research. The handout will list all websites mentioned.

This presentation will be FREE, but one must pre-register in order to receive the handout. The content will be of interest to all genealogical researchers, even those without German ancestors.

Please complete this registration form for the September 18th presentation and email it to Yvonne Schaefer, copalamregistrar@gmail.com. You will be sent a link to the handout and instructions on how to access Zoom 2-3 days before the presentation.

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Part 2: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 – MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Morning: 9:30am-12noon MDT – short breaks between each presentation

- 1) *“Determining the Village of Origin” (30 minutes)*
When your ancestors emigrated can indicate the general region where they lived. German-American church records, German-language newspapers, U.S. naturalization records, and online emigration databases in Germany can prove useful.
- 2) *“German History and Geography” (30 minutes)*
A brief review of Germany history and geography—particularly as it affected genealogy records, especially since Germany wasn’t a unified country until 1871.
- 3) *“Dies und Das (This and That)—a Variety of Useful Information” (1 hour)*
Names, religion, language, church books, family histories, handwriting, calendars, gazetteers, translating German when you don’t speak German, finding German researchers, photos, etc.

Afternoon: 2:00pm-4:00pm MDT – 15-minute break between each presentation.

- 1) *“Resources—Books and Websites” (1 hour)*
Topics include names, religion, language, handwriting, church records, calendars, gazetteers, translation and research services, photographs, genealogical societies, etc.
- 2) *“Using Records in the Homeland: Developing a Research Plan” (1hour)*
How to research church books, what sort of records they provide, plus other sorts of archives.

There should be time for questions at the end of the presentations.

NOTE: A complete 100-page syllabus (booklet) of all text of the Power Point presentations on Saturday, including an extensive bibliography, is included in the \$35.00 registration fee, and will be sent by regular mail to all who register. There will be no other handouts for the Saturday presentations. To ensure reception of the syllabus before the seminar date, please register no later than October 5, 2020.

As mentioned above, the fee for the Saturday Seminar is \$35.00/person. If you signed up and paid for the cancelled Spring Seminar, your payment has been automatically transferred to this fall seminar, but **YOU MUST RE-REGISTER**. Please email this registration form to Yvonne Schaefer (copalamregistrar@gmail.com) or complete the registration form and, if a new registrant, pay the \$35.00/person fee by using the PAYPAL option on the CO-PALAM website (www.copalam.us). Once the registration is received, Yvonne will send confirmation and Zoom access instructions.

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I/We registered and paid for the Saturday *Spring* Seminar: Yes _____ No _____

If you cannot attend the October seminar, but still want the syllabus, please contact Yvonne Schaefer (copalamregistrar@gmail.com) to apply your previous payment for this booklet. You may also request a refund or make some other arrangement for these funds.

As a new registrant, I have included payment of \$35.00/person by ____ check or ____ PAYPAL.

If paying by check, send it, together with this registration form, to Yvonne Schaefer, 3845 Brushland Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Please contact Jean West, jgopack@gmail.com, (or 303-736-2697) if you have any questions.