AMERICAN HISTORIAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA LINCOLN CHAPTER- NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3,1993

# CHAPTER NEWS

Volunteers are needed for the many Spring Clean-up Projects at AHSGR Headquarters. Contact Jake Sinner for the dates and times of the projects. Thanks

This fall, the AHSGR Lincoln Quilters would like to have a Quilt show/Bake Sale. They are looking for quilts to be displayed, bake goods and some volunteers to help out. If you help, please contact Helen Schwartz or Mary Froscheiser.

Matt Peterson's last day at AHSGR was April 23rd. Matt is moving to Atlanta, GA. Thanks, Matt for all the hard work you did for AHSGR and good luck on on the future.

Kay Koch was hired to replace Matt. Welcome to AHSGR.

Jo Ann Kuhr has returned from a two-month trip to Germany on behalf of the Aussiedler Project. She collected alot of information on home villages, histories, poems, stories and village maps. Stop and visit with Jo Ann about her trip, she may have some information for you.

Have you turned in your family group sheets and family histories to AHSGR? Your genealogy staff would like to enter this information into the computer. This helps to preserve family histories for generations to come.

Have you visited your friendly AHSGR book store lately? There's always something new to see and read about.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 14 KRAUT/BREI DINNER 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM W.S.I Hall 1430 N. 10th
- MAY 17 Board Meeting 7:00 PM 631 "D" st.
- JUN 6 AHSGR Lincoln Chapter Picnic. ZION U.C.C 9 & "D" 1:00 PM. POTLUCK-Indoors
- JUN 20-27 "24 International Convention" Sheraton DTC, Denver,CO
- JUL 19 Board Meeting 7:00 PM 631 "D" st.

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If you could see your ancestors, all standing in a row. Would you be proud of them, or don't you really know? Some strange discoveries are made in climbing family trees. And some of them, you know, do not particulary please.

If you could see your ancestors, all standing in a row. There might be some of them, perhaps you wouldn't care to know. But there's another question which requires a different view. If you could meet your ancestors, would they be proud of you? ANONYMOUS

### HUMOR

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The Russian German prides himself on the cleanliness of his housekeeper and the highest compliment, he can pay his wife is to attribute to her this characteristic. Immigration: U.S. Naturalization Records (from a flyer printed by the LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT)

"Naturalization" occurs when people who were born outside the United States are granted U.S. citizenship. When a man was naturalized, his wife and minor children (until 1922) also became citizens. Most people who were naturalized between 1790 and 1952:

a. Filed a declaration of intention (any time after immigrating),b. Petitioned for naturalization (five or more years after immigrating).

These actions could have been recorded in any federal, state, county, or municipal court. Most naturalizations between 1929 and 1991 were handled by federal courts.

You can use naturalization records to document an immigrant's origins. Records made after 1906 include the place and date of birth of the immigrant and other family members, port of arrival, vessel name, and date of arrival. Records before 1906 do not give birth date or town of birth.

To find the naturalization record for your ancestor, you must first know at least some of the following items: port of arrival, places of residence, city and court of naturalization, date of arrival, year of declaration, year of naturalization. If you are not sure when or where a person was naturalized, look first in federal and state censuses, passenger manifests, homestead applications, passport applications, and voter registrations for clues. Also look in Filby's "Passenger and Immigration Lists Index."

The LDS Family History Library has microfilm copies of county naturalization before 1930 for many states, and it has most federal court naturalization records before 1930. Find the microfilm numbers of county records by looking in the FHL catalog under the county where the person was probably naturalized If it is not under the county, try the state or city. Microfilm can be borrowed for a three week period for about \$3.00. Seearch petitions first before searching for declarations.

The county courthouse may still have the naturalizations records of your ancestor on file. To find the dates of existing records at many county and federal courts, look in the book "Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor". To find courthouse addresses, look in the United States County Courthouse Address Book. You can then write to the County Clerk of the courthouse and request naturalization information. Supply the person's name, date and place of birth, and if possible the court or exact address of residence at the time of application.

Federal court records made after 1906 can also be requested from the district office nearest where your ancestor was naturalized. The addresses for the district offices can be obtained from chapter 3 of Genealogical Research in the National Archives.

As a last resort, you can request a search of a nationwide index and federal court records from 1906 to 1956 by sending the same information that you would to a county courthouse to:

FOIA Office Immigration and Naturalization Service Department of Justice 4255 "I" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20536

Although this service is free, it could take up to 18 months to receive a copy of the records.

# ANNUAL KRAUT & BREI DINNER

MAY 14,1993

4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

WELFARE SOCIETY HALL 1430 No. 10TH ADULT TICKETS \$7.00, CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3.00

Please complete form below and send with self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Norma Somerheiser 2675 South 11th St. Lincoln, NE, 68502

RESERVATION FORM

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Please reserve\_\_\_\_\_dinner tickets @ 7.00 each. Children under 12, \$3.00 each. Amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

RESERVATIONS, MONEY AND SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8TH, 1993. THANK YOU!

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