



Conference Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:30** Registration and Sales by Vendors. Coffee and tea will be available.
- 9:30 – 10:30** **Keynote Address:**
Don Yoder
Religion and Genealogy:
What You Need to Know
about the Churches to
Which Your Emigrant
Ancestors Belonged
- 10:30 – 11:00** Break and Sales by Vendors
- 11:00-12:00** **Purchasing Property in Pennsylvania: The Challenge of Securing Land for German-Speaking Immigrants**
Rosalind T. Beiler
- 12:00-1:30** **Lunch**
Sales by Vendors
- 1:30-2:30** **Material Culture as a Key to Identity: What Objects Can Tell Us about Ourselves and Our Ancestors**
Cynthia G. Falk
- 2:30-3:30** Sales by Vendors



Heritage Center Library

The Heritage Center Library is located at the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center farm complex on the north campus of Kutztown University. It is the heart of the Center for genealogical and historical research. It houses 18th and 19th century immigration records, the entire series of *Germans to America, 1840 to 1897*, and is the proud home of the Pfälz emigration records from the *Institut für Pfälzische Geschichte und Volkskunde* from Kaiserslautern, Germany.

In addition, there are church and cemetery records of several Pennsylvania counties; family and county histories; will abstracts; land records; Revolutionary and Civil War records; works about the Pennsylvania Dutch culture, dialect and folklore. The Library also houses the publications of the Pennsylvania German Society and the Don Yoder collection.

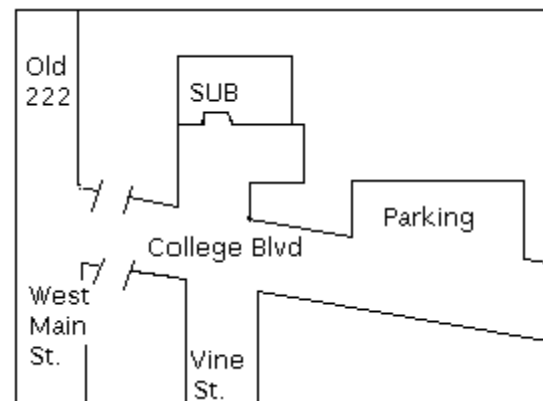
Researchers are welcome during regularly scheduled hours and by appointment. Genealogists are on site Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The library is open at no charge for members of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Association. There is a charge of \$5.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for members of the Pennsylvania German Society.

A member of the library staff is available to conduct research for a fee for individuals who cannot visit the library. Research request forms may be obtained by calling the library, writing, e-mailing, or visiting the library web site.



Location for Conference

The conference will be held in the McFarland Student Union Building (SUB), Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA. Parking is adjacent. Facilities are accessible for physically challenged persons.



Directions

See the Library website for driving directions to Kutztown University. The McFarland Student Union Building is located on College Blvd. Proceed on Main St. to College Blvd. The SUB and parking areas are on the left.

Heritage Center Library

484-646-4165

Hours: Monday through Friday

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Holidays

e-mail: pagermanlibrary@kutztown.edu

Web Site: www.kutztown.edu/hcl



Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Surname(s) of Interest _____

May we print your name and address on a surname search list? Yes ___ No ___

Registration Fee PGCHC members \$45.00

Registration Fee Non-members \$50.00

Price is per person.

Lunch is included with fee

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Detach this form and send with check to:

Heritage Center Library

22 Luckenbill Rd.

Kutztown, PA 19530

Attn: Lucy Kern

**Registration Reservation requested by
September 1, 2009**

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Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center


Genealogy Conference

Saturday, September 12, 2009
Kutztown, PA



Keynote address Don Yoder

Religion and Genealogy: What You Need to Know About The Churches to Which Your Emigrant Ancestors Belonged

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Keynote Address

Religion and Genealogy: What You Need to Know about the Churches to Which Your Emigrant Ancestors Belonged

Don Yoder

The Pennsylvania Dutch country has always been a “crazy quilt” of diverse religious patterns – churches, sects, even monastic institutions like the Ephrata Cloister and the Harmony Society. Dr. Yoder’s address will survey the religious patterns resulting from the Protestant Reformation in Europe and how these were transplanted and also changed in America. Resources available for tracing your families to these European traditions will be presented pointing to European and American archives, research libraries, historical societies and private collections.

Purchasing Property in Pennsylvania: The Challenge of Securing Land for German-Speaking Immigrants

Rosalind Beiler

German-speaking immigrants faced a series of challenges in their attempts to purchase a property in eighteenth-century Pennsylvania. From their legal status in the British Empire, to the contest for land between the Delaware Indians, Pennsylvania’s proprietors

and Marylanders, to high prices – the newcomers struggled to secure their legacy for their children. Dr Beiler’s presentation explores such issues as what land was available in Pennsylvania, the process for purchasing it, and the steps needed to secure legal title for passing it on to their children.

Material Culture as a Key to Identity: What Objects Can Tell Us about Ourselves and Our Ancestors

Cynthia Falk

Focusing on the eighteenth century, Dr. Falk’s presentation will address the various meanings attached to houses and household goods by their owners and others. She will discuss the types of buildings and objects associated specifically with people of German descent. She will also consider the roles of wealth, social standing, and religious affiliation in the decisions eighteenth century Pennsylvania Germans made about their residences and furnishings. This well-illustrated talk will demonstrate how, at the time of the country’s founding, people used everyday objects to convey messages about themselves, their backgrounds, and their hopes for the future.

