

James M. Beidler

James M. Beidler writes “Roots & Branches,” an award-winning weekly newspaper column on genealogy that is the only syndicated feature on that topic in Pennsylvania. He is also a columnist for German Life magazine and is editor of Der Kurier, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. He is Vice President for Development for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, President of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, and is the former Executive Director for the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He served as national co-chairman for the 2008 Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Philadelphia. Beidler is also frequent contributor to other periodicals ranging from scholarly journals such as The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine to popular-interest magazines such as Ancestry and Family Tree Magazine. He also wrote the chapter on genealogy for Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth, published jointly by the Penn State Press and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. As a lecturer, he has been a part of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council’s acclaimed Commonwealth Speakers program since 2002, and has been a presenter at numerous conferences. In addition to being a member of numerous genealogical, historical, and lineage societies, Beidler also sits on Pennsylvania’s State Historic Records Advisory Board as well as the selection committee for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project. Beidler was born in Reading, PA, and raised in nearby Berks County, where he currently resides. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hofstra University in Long Island, NY, with a BA in political science in 1982

In different hours, a man represents each of several of his ancestors, as if there were seven or eight of us rolled up in each man’s skin,—seven or eight ancestors at least, and they constitute the variety of notes for that new piece of music which his life is.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

2011 Genealogy Conference



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Saturday, October 1, 2011

Clarion Hotel

Conference Center
300 Tarentum Bridge Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

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Cost

Registration

Topics:

Success Story: Finding a European Village of Origin

The case study of Johannes Dinius, a 1765 immigrant to Pennsylvania, is used to show how scraps of evidence properly deployed can lead to the discovery of a European hometown.

“Duplicate” Documents That Aren’t the Same:

A discussion of how multiple sources may overlap but seldom duplicate exactly the same information – making it essential that researchers check records that may at first blush seem to be the same.

Contrasting German Migrations: 18th Century vs. 19th Century Waves

The 1700s “Pennsylvania Germans” were a different breed than the “German Americans” who immigrated in the 1800s. This presentation shows the differences in geography, economic class, religion, and aspirations of – as well as sources about – the two great waves of German immigration.

Hints and Helps: My List of “Top Tens”

A personal list of the best: ways to start; books to get; Web sites to look at; societies to join; habits to break!

\$20 – TGS & ACGS Members

\$25 – Non-Members

\$30 – New Members*

(*Includes 1 yr TGS Membership)

Cost includes conference, breakfast snacks and a hot buffet lunch. Vendor tables will be accessible during all breaks. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the presentations. (Winner must be present to claim prize.)

Registration 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Conference ends approximately at 3:30 p.m.

Location:
Clarion Hotel Conference Center
300 Tarentum Bridge Road
New Kensington, PA 15068
Phone: (724) 335-9171

Directions:

From Rt. 28 take Exit 14 and follow the signs for New Kensington. Cross over the bridge and turn left at the first light. The Clarion is on the left.

From Rt. 66 turn onto Rt. 366 towards New Kensington. Continue on 366 past Valley High School and go over the bypass following Rt. 366 towards Tarentum. At the third light, turn right, and the Clarion is on the left.

For further information, please contact Barbara Diller at the address shown below, by phone at (724) 224-7233 (after 6:00 p.m. weekdays), or by email at badiller@verizon.net.

Complete the registration form and mail it with your check to:

Tarentum Genealogical Society
P O Box 66
Tarentum PA 15084-0066

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Surnames: _____

Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

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