Peppertown lies on the main road from Metamora to Oldenburg and Batesville. Once the center of a Protestant German neighborhood around 1900, it numbered two general stores, several businesses, including saloons and blacksmith shop, with the usual surroundings of a rural community. It was platted in 1859 by Fielding Berry, surveyor, for John Koerner, proprietor. Though named for August Pepper who settled there in 1851, Koerner had preceded Pepper almost three years and to him is largely attributed its founding.

Pepper was a calico printer and John Koerner became his associate. They opened the first store in the area connected with the calico business. Original vats are still located in the old basement of the former store, now a private residence.

Theodore Schonert, a great grandfather of Helen Johnson Moore, was a blacksmith during the Civil War, and lived at the corner of Beacon Road where the summer kitchen now stands. His father, Johann Christoph Schonert, immigrated from Germany in 1852. A stone mason, Johann is said to have built many of the extant buildings.

By 1850 German Lutherans had become so numerous that they required a house of worship. Nicholas Heinemann sold them one acre for $12. A log church was built with $50 borrowed from the Huntersville Church. The cost of the present structure was $4,000. Rev. William Younts served as first pastor; Rev. Joseph Schmalzle was pastor at the time of its dedication, October 22, 1876. The Rev. John Mikenas is presently pastor.

According to church records, these names represent early membership: Stirn, Becht, Becky, Horstman, Vohland, Blenzinger, Wolf, Reifels, Stierly, Pepper, Koerner, Koerner, Hennebaum, Mohr, Wasback, Becker, Kirschbaum, Brack, Heinemann, Schonert, Koerner, Ellerman, Miller, Schumeman, Brown, Nickol, Steinhauger, Toman and Teufel. Many of these families still reside in the vicinity. The Wolfs, Reifels, Vohlands, Schumens, Stirn, Peppers, Hennebaums and several others, still have strong ties and own most of the land.

The Old Public Cemetery, the Lutheran Church Cemetery and what is now Peppertown Memorial Gardens (Old School Number Six grounds) are located on Beacon Road, going west from the church. A list of persons buried in these cemeteries has been compiled and is on file at the Brookville Public Library, Rushville Library, Indiana State Library, Indiana Historical Society Library, Cincinnati Public Library (microfilm), St. Nicholas Church and the Peppertown Cemetery Association.
JUNE 11: GERMAN DAY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

We are invited to participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration of the historic canal town of Metamora in Franklin County, and also visit one of the most unique churches in the area at Peppertown.

Peppertown is located west of Brookville on S.R. 229, 10 miles north of Batesville, off I-74 and 10 miles from Metamora off US 52. For further information, contact Helen Moore, Summer Program Chair, P.O. Box 206, Rushville, Indiana 46173 or phone (317) 932-2297.

At 11:00 a.m. we will meet in Peppertown for a visit and program at St. Nicholas Lutheran Church. The original St. Nicholas Church, built in 1850, was a log structure, but was replaced by the present red brick church in 1875 and has been in use since then. Robert Rau, of Cincinnati, will speak about the German churches in Southeastern Indiana and Southwestern Ohio and we are promised music for our enjoyment. Those interested in cemeteries can visit the Old Public Cemetery and the Church Cemetery just west of the church on Beacon Road. After the program we will proceed to nearby Metamora.

Metamora is located 4 miles west of Brookville, Indiana on U.S. 52; 11 miles north of the Batesville exit off I-74 on Indiana 229; 64 miles southeast of Indianapolis via U.S. 52.

At 1:00 p.m. Eberhard Reichmann of Indiana University will present "Booier German Traditions, Tales and Folk Remedies." A German Band will be on hand to provide entertainment. The Gazebo is located across the canal from the 1845 Grist Mill.

Metamora will be celebrating "German Day" and merchants and inhabitants of the picturesque historical canal town will be dressed in the native garb of Northern Germans. All shops will be open and many restaurants.

After the program, there will be time to enjoy a ride on the canal boat, horse drawn buggy, Whitewater Railroad and to visit the craft, art, gift shops (over 100) and to dine. Metamora is pleased to announce that its Christmas Walk has been nominated by the Indiana Department of Tourism for inclusion in the American Bus Association Tour Guide's Top 100 Tourist Attractions in North America. Photo opportunities abound!

The Old Metamora grist mill still grinds flour, corn meal and grits, which are available to the public. The mill still operates by waterpower received from the canal.
BUSINESS STUDENTS EXCHANGE

Due to its great success last year, the exchange for students of international business between the State of Indiana and the German State of Baden-Württemberg, initiated in 1987, will be extended. On May 19, Indiana students Timothy Feeley, Robin Geisinger, Gene Guthrie, Sheryl Hunefeld and Karen Seibert will arrive at the Berufskolleg Villingen-Schwenningen for orientation, a two-months internship with a German business and three travel weeks. On June 24, we will welcome Christoph Schultis, Matthias Bachler, Robert Gomper, Ursula Kuderer and Heike Engel from Baden-Württemberg in Indianapolis. This program is a cooperative venture between Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis businesses, that provide the internships, and the families, who offer a homestay and Hoosier hospitality for the students. The German students will participate in some IGHS activities. For further information call Giles Hoyt at (317) 224-2330.

DENVER ’88

Palatines to America
PAL-AM 1988 Conference Committee
7833 East Hampden Circle
Denver, Colorado 80237
(303) 773-2555

GERMAN DAY AT METAMORA, INDIANA

JUNE 16-18 PALATINES TO AMERICA IN DENVER

Researching German-speaking immigrant ancestors is the focus of DENVER ’88, the national conference of Palatines to America, which will be held 16-18 June at Regis college in Denver. This conference will help answer "Why" did your immigrant come, "How" you research him, and "Where" you'll find the records.

"Gone West, Whatever happened to Uncle Jacob" is the theme presentation by Dr. Arlene Bakle, co-editor of The Source. Dr. Larry Wetzel, Vice-President of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, will speak on: "Catherine, Is This the Promised Land?", and "Free at Last, Thank God We're Free at Last!"

Consultants in Exhibitors' Hall will include Trudy Schenk, Salt Lake City, co-author of The Wurttemberg Emigration Index, and Ernest Thode, Marietta, Ohio, specialist in locating European places of origin. Robert Namon Photography will be at the conference to copy your prized old family photographs while you watch. Plan to come!

For registration information: PAL-AM 1988 Conference Registration, 1404 Bellaire Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

INDIANAPOLIS/NUREMBERG EXCHANGE

Buddy Mccart, Chair of the Cultural Exchange Committee, is pleased to announce that Helmut Herz, the director of the Youth Program of the City of Nuremberg and 12 young people will visit Indianapolis August 1 to 14. The exchange is coordinated with Leticia Campodonico of IVY Tech Indianapolis. An excellent program has been planned for the German visitors. Ms. Campodonico will take a group of IVY Tech students to Nuremberg in September on an information tour involving businesses and vocational-technical education in Germany.
Join us and our Cincinnati friends in a celebration of their Bicentennial with a leisurely "Over-the-Rhine" Tour, lunch at famous Stenger's Restaurant and a special program at the Cincinnati Library.

At 10 a.m. we will meet at the corner of Walnut Street and Central Parkway, Cincinnati, to take the four-hour "Over-the-Rhine" Tour. A $3.00 fee is charged per person.

The Miami-Erie Canal followed the same path as Central Parkway. For 93 years (1826-1919), this waterway joined Lake Erie to the Ohio River. Because the German immigrants, who arrived after 1830, settled north of the Canal, this area was dubbed "Over-the-Rhine." The "Over-the-Rhine" stroll will take us through space, but with a little imagination and knowledge we may also travel through time. Several buildings of historical interest still remain. Sadly, this venerable old district is losing more buildings each year. This tour will prompt memories of Cincinnati's nineteenth century era.
Following the "Over-the-Rhine" Tour, we are invited to the Cincinnati Library for a joint meeting with our Cincinnati members and friends. The program will include a 26-minute video, "Cincinnati German Heritage," produced by Don Tolzmann and the Cincinnati Historical Society; a 12-minute video "Accessing the History Department of the Cincinnati Public Library" and a 30-minute talk by Robert Reu on the Over-the-Rhine Churches and their Indiana connections. We will meet at 3 p.m. at the Library Meeting Room on the third floor, next to the Rare Book Department of the Cincinnati Library, Library Square, at the intersection of Vine and Eighth Streets.

Reservations are required for lunch at Stenger's, they need an approximate number. Luncheons range from $3.50 to $5.00. Please make your reservations with Helen Moore, PO Box 206, Rushville, IN 46731, or phone (317) 932-2297 by Wednesday, July 6.
AUGUST 13TH – VISIT TO CORD-DUESenberg MUSEUM

In August we will visit the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana. Hoosiers were among the first to embrace the idea of building automobiles in America. Among them were a number of Hoosier Germans. The “ultimate driving machine” of the 1930s was built by the Duesenbergs. The Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum houses over 125 “dream machines” of various makes. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and also displays the history of home entertainment and a century of fashion.
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

The 30's. It was a mad era. Champagne, caviar and soup kitchens. Art deco, headlines and breadlines. Empire builders, movie stars and unemployed. Roadsters, town cars and boxcars. The automobile was the dream machine that took you away from it all.

Here, in the 1930 art deco splendor of the original Auburn Automobile Company factory showroom, the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum captures this frenzied age.


More than 125 dream machines on display.


There's nothing like it in the world.

We will meet at the Museum at 1 p.m. and spend the afternoon touring the museum. Plan for approximately three hours. There is a museum admission charge of $3 for adults and $2 for Senior Citizens.

Take I-69 to north of Fort Wayne and at Auburn use exit 8. Turn right and for a quick lunch find Fast-Food restaurants. Continue on that road to the third stop light (10 or 12 blocks) and turn right to the back parking lot of the museum. For further information, please contact Helen Moore, Summer Program Chairman, P.O. Box 206, Rushville, IN 46173 or phone (317) 932-2297.
Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum
Auburn, Indiana 46706
(219) 925-1444

The Museum is open daily.
May 1 — September 30,
9 a.m. — 9 p.m.
October 1 — April 30,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Admission: Adult $4.00
Student/Senior Citizen $2.50
Children Under 6 Free
Family and Group rates available

Gift Shop — Area Dining & Lodging
In-house banquet facilities available.

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Indiana’s
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
Home of The Classics
Entered on The National Register of Historic Places
Our petitions, requesting to designate once again October 6, 1988 as "German-American Day," met with success. Senator Richard Lugar introduced Joint Senate Resolution 273 and Congressman Lee Hamilton joined Ohio Congressman Lukens to introduce House Joint Resolution 458. We express our appreciation to them.

Last year, a German-American Day proclamation was issued October 2, by the President in a Rose Garden Ceremony at the White House. We believe that October 6 is worthy of being recognized as German-American Day every year and are joining with other organizations around the nation to reestablish this old tradition. The resolutions are receiving great support from around the nation, and there is also considerable encouragement from Congress and the President. We hope that the President will issue a proclamation again calling on Americans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

We ask your help. Here is what you can do:


2. Request your town council to declare October 6, 1988 as German-American Day in your community, and refer to the national celebration.

3. Organize a celebration or join in celebrating German-American Day.

Ruth M. Reichmann

The Emigrant Memorial, a group statue of an emigrant family, was dedicated on July 5, 1986 in Bremerhaven, Germany. The monument, 20 feet in height, is honoring the families and individuals who left their homeland for the great American experiment.

This project is sponsored by the German-American Memorial Association of North Hills, PA. An additional $75,000.00 is needed to cover all costs. A donation of $500.00 or more, made prior to May 1, 1988, will be displayed in a bronze memorial plate. The IGES Board voted, in their meeting of March 8, to make a contribution so that our organization would have its name included on the base of the monument.

We ask you to help replenish our funds by donating towards this expense. Send your check to Giles Hoyt, IGES Treasurer, and earmark it for the Memorial Fund.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY OBSERVANCE

In 1963, Indiana joined the celebration of "300 Years of German Immigration to America." As IGES members we mark October 6 as German-American Day and celebrate the first weekend in October.

AMISH QUILTS AT THE INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

Currently on display at the Indiana State Museum is the renowned Pottinger Collection of Indiana Amish Quilts. The quilts are stunning—all 277 of them. They have names like Black Hummingbird, Indiana Puzzle, Ocean Waves, and Sunshine and Shadow. They were made in the years from 1875-1940 in northeastern Indiana, the third largest Amish community in the country. Their dark backgrounds are jolled with bright pattern pieces arranged in tightly composed graphic designs. They are objects of art. They are the fabric of people's lives.

The Indiana State Museum Society would like to keep the collection in Indiana and is raising money to buy it for the State Museum. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be matched by a generous grant from Lilly Endowment. Please, make checks payable to the Indiana State Museum Society and mail to 202 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
Perhaps the most notable of Cincinnati’s historic sites is Music Hall. Its predecessor was a barny, tin-roofed structure, used until 1877, where saengerfests were held each spring and the city’s Industrial Expositions each fall. Opening night at the new building was May 14, 1878, just one year after the contract was awarded to local architects Hannaford & Proctor. Cincinnati businessman Reuben Springer contributed generously toward the new hall and provided the inspiration for citizens to contribute the rest of the money needed. In 1888 during the most elaborate of the Industrial Expositions, just outside Music Hall, the Miami Canal (today’s Central Parkway) was transformed into a Venetian canal complete with gondolas.

1435-37 Main Street still has strong Italianate influences including heavy brackets, bracketed window trim, wrought iron balconies and stone quoins (cut stone blocks which add decorative interest to the corners of the building); however, it also has some elements of Queen Anne such as a gable and finials on the cornice, decorative battered brick panels, a beltcourse which forms a continuous facade band with the window sills and slightly arched window trim on the second floor. Note the stylized “1888” date in the gable.

Old Saint Mary’s, the “Beacon of the Basin”, is the oldest surviving church building in Cincinnati and was the largest church building in the Ohio Valley when it was dedicated in 1842. The parish was founded to serve the growing German population of Over-the-Rhine by Martin Henni, a Swiss priest who had previously organized the first German Catholic Church in the West in Cincinnati and later founded the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The church was constructed just three blocks inside the city’s northern limits, a site closer to the hills than to the river, anticipating the city’s growth.

OVER-THE-RHINE WALKING TOURS:

Miami Purchase Association for Historic Preservation
812 Dayton Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214  513-721-4506
MEMBERSHIP & renewal 1988

Indiana German Heritage Society

APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

If you wish to join or renew your membership, please enclose your check with this statement today. Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. To increase society support you may wish to designate a higher category. Contributions are tax deductible on itemized returns.

Thank you for your support!

Annual Dues

Contributors of $50 or more will be listed in the Bicentennial Edition.

- Individual $10.00
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- Organization $25.00
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New Member Renewal

Address/Checks payable to the INDIANA GERMAN HERITAGE SOCIETY 401 East Michigan Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

We believe in the cultural diversity of the Hoosier State and that Indiana's German heritage is only one among many. This heritage is part of the pattern which makes up the rich tapestry we call Indiana and the Hoosier way of life. If we are to appreciate this rich tapestry, the total fabric of our culture, there is a need to identify and focus on the parts. If we can appreciate individual contributions and group identity, we can better appreciate the whole.

My areas of interest are: (e.g. genealogy, family history, local and state history, religious history, traditions, education, cultural and educational exchanges, etc.)

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Indiana German Heritage Society, Inc. is dedicated to promote, throughout the state, interest in Indiana's German heritage and German-American relations. It serves as a clearing house for research activities and information on Indiana's German heritage.

The Society looks at "German" not in terms of present political boundaries, but in terms of ethnic traditions of culture and language. Indiana's German heritage thus includes elements from all the German-speaking countries and regions of Europe: Austria, The Federal Republic of Germany, The German Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Alsace-Lorraine and Southern Tyrol—and from Eastern Europe where millions of Germans lived before their expulsion after World War II.

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Indiana German Heritage Society
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1988 RELIGIOUS HISTORY TOURS

These tours, led by Dr. Grover L. Hartman, are a vacation with a purpose, to visit sites of special significance in the religious history of Indiana. The southern Indiana section of the tours will be conducted June 7-9 and the northern segment June 14-16.

The southern tour will start at Old Bethel, first Mennonite Church in Indiana, and will include Muncie Institute, Shaker Prairie, points in Vincennes, New Harmony, St. Meinrad Archabbey, the Benedictine Convent at Ferdinand and more.

The northern tour begins with an orientation to the Quakers at Earlham College followed by stops at the Underground Railroad Station at Fountain City, Amishville, the first Mennonite Church in Boone, Indiana's oldest Jewish Congregation in Fort Wayne, Winona Lake, the Church of the Brethren's historical murals at Camp Mack, Goshen College, Notre Dame, Valparaiso University, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Constantine and St. Helen in Merrillville, the Fountain Park Chalet area near Remington, the Battle Ground Camp meeting site and Fort Quaker, first White settlement in Indiana, on the Wabash below Lafayette.

Travel is caravan style; reasonable group housing and meals have been set up. Send registration fee of $15.00 to Dr. Grover L. Hartman, Indiana Religious History Association, 54 East Beechwood Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46227, (317) 786-1035.

BOOKS

* In 1833, Rev. F. D. C. Wyneken sailed to America to become the father of home missions and later president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Some of his early pastoral work took place in Friedheim and Ft. Wayne. His deep concern for the religious and moral needs of the members of his faith at the frontier and in the cities caused him to write for support from Germany: The Distress of the Lutherans in North America (1842/43). Wyneken's Notruf (Distress Call), translated by S. Edgar Schmidt, with an introduction by R. F. Reimer is "a fine mixture of shock, zeal and stout conviction--red-blooded history all the way" (L.C. Rudolph). - Available from Concordia Theological Seminary Bookstore, Fort Wayne. - $3.00+2.25 for mailing.

* Ernest Thode, renowned genealogist, has just published the third edition of his Address Book for Germanic Genealogy. Its 700 pp. contain a wealth of information on genealogical, historical, and German-related societies, booksellers, and map sources, in national, regional and specialized archives in the German-speaking countries and America. And more. - Available from Heritage House, P.O. Box 39128, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

SEPTEMBER 25 IS "KUNDEK SUNDAY" IN FERDINAND

The Ferdinand Historical Society is planning a homecoming festival on September 25, 1988, 150 years since Father Kundek selected the site of Ferdinand. "To celebrate this anniversary, we plan a one day event to bring together many people, who share or appreciate the heritage of this town. However, we intend to make this first Kundek Sunday something deeper than most homecoming festivals," says Sister Angela Sasse, the project director. "We are only beginning the research we hope to incorporate for Kundek Sunday and the multi-media program before and after the event, to educate people of Ferdinand and many others who call it home, to realize that both the Northwest Ordinance and Constitution contributed greatly to the conditions which made so effective the work of Father Kundek."

Planned events for this festival include:

1. A public outdoor ceremony, on presently-called 9th Street--to officially rename it Kundek Street. Members of the town-board and other prominent citizens will participate in the dedication of a memorial marker honoring Father Kundek. Ribbon-cutting, groundbreaking for a new street marker, etc. will be held.

2. A symposium will feature special speakers and a sound slide show celebrating Father Kundek as founder of Ferdinand. Historical exhibits are also planned.

With the support of the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities

Opportunity for comment will be provided for those "who come home to Ferdinand" for this event. For information contact: Phyllis Johanneman, President, Ferdinand Historical Society, Box 194, Ferdinand, IN 47532, (812) 367-1803.

* Deciphering old German script can be a problem even for the younger native Germans of today. Last year, IGHS published a reprint edition of Witter's Deutsch-Englische Schreib- und Lesefibel (1881), and American school text for children. For the genealogist who wants to learn the secrets of German script, this booklet is most helpful. No knowledge of German required! We must have met a real need with our reprint edition. Close to 1,000 copies have been ordered from around the country. Distributor: NCSA Literature, R. S, Box 175, Nashville, IN 47448- $4.90 incl. shipping & tax.
June 11 11:00 a.m. Peppertown St. Nicholas German Lutheran Church.
1:00 p.m. at Metamora, Gatebo, "Booster German Traditions, Tales and Folk-Remedies," Ernherd Reichmann. See newsletter for specifics.
For information: Helen Moore (317) 932-2297.

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Northern religious history tour of the Indiana Religious History Association.
Dr. Grover L. Hartzman. (317) 786-1035.

June 14-19
DENVER '88 National Conference of the Palatines to America.

July 9
10:00 a.m. Walk through "Over-the-Rhine" neighborhood and joint program with Cincinnati Germans. Meet at corner of Walnut Street and Central Parkway, Cincinnati.
Noon lunch at Stenger's Restaurant.
3 p.m. program at Cincinnati Library, Library Square, Vine & 8th. Helen Moore. (317) 932-2297.

August 13
1 p.m. Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, Auburn. Helen Moore (317) 932-2297.

Sept. 25

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