



The Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America and
The Western History & Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library
Present the Joanne Classen Memorial Lecture Series
Featuring **James M. Beidler**
Friday, October 20, 2017 and Saturday, October 21, 2017
In the Conference Room of the Central Denver Public Library
10 West 14th Avenue, Denver, Colorado

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th

- 1:00pm Registration and Book Fair
1:30pm Opening remarks
Welcome from Jim Kroll, Manager of the Western History/Genealogy Department
- 1:45pm ***“Searching for a Pennsylvania German Ancestor”***
Applying genealogical basics in searching the rich records relating to America’s first large ethnic minority population.
- 2:45pm Take a break, have a snack, and visit the Book Fair
- 3:00pm James Jeffrey, Special Collections Curator for the Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library, will discuss the holdings in the library relating to Germans from Pennsylvania.
- 4:00pm Time to ask our speakers additional questions.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st

- 9:30am Registration and Book Fair
10:00am Opening remarks
Welcome from Jim Kroll, Manager of the Western History/Genealogy Department
- 10:15am ***“German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources”***
Defining the differences between 18th & 19th century immigrants; the scale of migration; geography—starting points & destinations; motivation—economic and religious reasons, plus giving sources for this research.
- 11:15am Take a break, get a snack, and visit the Book Fair

- 11:30am ***“Zeitung Sightings: German-Language Newspapers from around the Globe”***
 The extent of German-language newspapers both in the USA and abroad and what sorts of information genealogists can learn about their ancestors from these sources.
- 12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch on your own at a nearby restaurant. You are also welcome to bring a bag lunch. Beverages and snacks will also be provided.
 The Book Fair tables will available.
 Mr. Beidler will have a table with his own publications for sale.
- 1:30pm ***“Your Immigrants’ Germany: Microstates and Microbreweries”***
 Case studies revealing the types of information one can find in order to learn more about your ancestors’ life before they emigrated.
- 2:30pm Take a break, get a snack, and make one final visit to the Book Fair
 2:45pm Announcements
- 2:50pm ***“Online German Church Registers, Duplicates and Substitutes”***
 Church records are very valuable, but one needs to know whether one is looking at originals, duplicates, or extracts from these records, and how to tell the difference.
- 3:50pm Time to ask our speaker any additional questions.
 4:15pm Thank you for coming!

James M. Beidler is the author of *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide* and *Trace Your German Roots Online*. He also writes a weekly newspaper column “Roots and Branches” in Pennsylvania, teaches for the online Family Tree University and edits *Der Kurier*, the journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. He is a frequent contributor to various genealogical publications and sits on the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board, and participates in the Pennsylvania Digital Newspaper Project. He is a native of Pennsylvania and has a B.A. from Hofstra University.

This seminar is FREE, but registration is required, as seating is limited.

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