



The Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America
And the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library
Present an All-Day Seminar and Book Fair featuring

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo

Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9:30am until 4:30pm

In the B2 Conference Room of the Central Denver Public Library
10 West 14th Avenue, Denver, Colorado

- 9:30am Registration and Book Fair
9:45am Opening Remarks
- 10:00am ***How to Overcome Brick Walls in Pennsylvania Research***
Several case studies will be presented showing less-utilized research tactics, repositories, and resources used to find information about our Pennsylvania ancestors, especially as it pertains to the Pennsylvania Germans who arrived in the 18th century.
- 11:00am Take a break, get a snack, and visit the Book Fair.
- 11:15am ***How to Overcome Brick Walls in German-American Research***
We will continue our case-study approach by learning new tricks and techniques to identifying information and understanding research idiosyncrasies regarding our 19th and 20th century German-speaking ancestors.
- 12:15pm-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.
Visit the Book Fair.
- 1:15pm The annual meeting for CO-PALAM members will be held to discuss and vote on the budget and any other matters that need attention.
- 1:35pm ***The "Forgotten" Immigrants: The Swiss to America***
It is estimated that over 400,000 Swiss immigrants have come to North America since its settlement. With over 80% of them being German-speaking, they often get lumped into "Germans to America", but the records found in Switzerland can be vastly different, and the Swiss who came to our shores can have very different backgrounds, (viz. the Mennonites).

2:35pm Take a break, get a snack, and make a final visit to the Book Fair.
2:50pm Final announcements

3:00pm ***Incorporating Social History into Your German-American Research***
Family history should be more than names and dates. What motivated our ancestors to emigrate? With whom did they interact? How do social customs of another era affect our research? Social history and its bearing on genealogical research will be covered and a “must-read” bibliography for serious researchers will be discussed.

4:00pm Time to ask our speaker any additional questions.
4:30pm Thanks for coming!

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo was born and raised in northern Indiana. Nourished on family stories, he took up genealogy as a hobby in 1980. Trained as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, he retired from active practice in 2013 to pursue full time his interest in genealogical research. He has lectured both in the USA and internationally and written for numerous publications and journals. His interests and strengths include Mennonite research, German and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to 18th century migration to American, among other topics. He is proficient in reading German script. Dr. Lacopo maintains a genealogical online website: www.Roots4U.com, as well as a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Roots4U>, and a blog “Hoosier Daddy” at <https://roots4u.blogspot.com>.

The cost of the Seminar is \$40.00 per person. Those who register by March 15, 2018, will have their names entered into a drawing to have lunch with Dr. Lacopo.

Name: 1) _____ 2) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of registrations at \$40.00 each: _____ Total: _____

NOTE: A \$5.00 late fee per registration will be assessed if payment is postmarked after April 14, 2018.

Make your check (no credit cards) payable to CO-PALAM, and mail it and the registration form to Sandy Carter-Duff, 723 South Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80209-4629.

Questions: Contact Sandy by email: Sandy@carduff.com or phone: 303-777-1391, or Jean West by email: jgopack@gmail.com or phone: 303-736-2697.

Parking is available in the Culture Center garage (entry on 12th Ave.), but the rates are \$12.00 for 5-7 hours, and \$22.00 for over 7 hours. Nearby parking lots, including the garage just north of the History Museum (entry on Broadway), usually have rates of \$5.00-\$10.00 for the entire day.