

German Research Association, founded in 1977, has more than 500 members, living throughout the United States and abroad. A do-it-yourself group, GRA's goal is to help and encourage members in their own research. GRA's periodical, *The German Connection*, is mailed quarterly to all members. In the San Diego area GRA holds meetings open to the public. Presentations are made by members and outside speakers.

Our members range from beginners to experienced genealogists. Sixty-five percent live outside the San Diego area.

Our research interests center on family history research of immigrants to America with German surnames or who spoke German, including:

- ◆ Colonial Germanic immigrants starting in 1683
- ◆ 18th century Palatines and Pennsylvania Dutch
- ◆ Immigrants from the area of present-day Germany and former German Empires
- ◆ Families migrating to Russia and other east European areas before coming to America
- ◆ Ethnic Germans originating in the former Austro-Hungarian Empire and Switzerland

All members receive *The German Connection*, GRA's quarterly publication, containing:

- ◆ Tips to help you with Germanic research overseas and in the United States
- ◆ Records extractions
- ◆ Members' own experiences as models for your research
- ◆ Queries (free to members, \$3.00 for others)
- ◆ Lists of newly-acquired books you can use in your research
- ◆ English language extracts from selected German and English language periodicals

- ◆ Germanic Lineage Registry, your ancestors' dates, places, and spouses
- ◆ GRA news, special offers, and news of other societies

Other benefits for all members

- ◆ Regular programs and workshops open to all members; a reduced fee for any seminars with an admission charge
- ◆ Members-only workshops at the new Family History Center, hands-on instruction in Germanic research
- ◆ When a speaker permits, mailing of hand-outs provided, as announced in GRA mailings or publications
- ◆ Free queries and listings in the Germanic Lineage Registry
- ◆ Reduced prices on four or more back issues of *The German Connection* and any other items sold by GRA
- ◆ A forum for member research, *The German Connection* welcomes ideas and contributions
- ◆ Posting of the Germanic Lineage Register on GRA's Internet Homepage.

New-member packet to help you get started in your Germanic research contains:

- ◆ List of basic personal and library references for Germanic research
- ◆ "Footprints in the New World," an outline guide to records created when the immigrant first came to America
- ◆ Entry form for GRA's unique Germanic Lineage Registry and submission information for *The German Connection*
- ◆ Back issue list for *The German Connection*
- ◆ Issues of *The German Connection* published to date this year

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- ◆ Back issues of the *The German Connection*, 1994–2005; price varies, single issues or sets available. Member discounts on four or more issues. Send an SASE for a price list, included in new member packet and listed on our Internet Homepage. In January 2007, 2006 issues will be available as back issues; issues from earlier years may sell out

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- ◆ GRA is a non-profit charitable California corporation: any donation of money, books, or other property is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law
- ◆ GRA’s periodical, *The German Connection*, is indexed in the *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)* published by the Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
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- ◆ **Learn** to research the family history of your Germanic ancestors in America and Europe
- ◆ **Share** your skills and information with others
- ◆ **Help** build a reference collection for all to use
- ◆ **Participate** in genealogical activities in your community