



Warren County Genealogical Society

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March 16, 2011 Program Announcement
Warren County Genealogical Society
Eigen oder Frei – Researching your North German Ancestors

This “free” presentation is open to the public. No reservations are necessary. Everyone is welcome!
For more information, contact the Warren County Genealogical Society
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WHEN: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:30 PM

WHERE: Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community, 585 State Route 741, (north of State Route 63), Lebanon, Ohio.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: **"Eigen oder Frei – Researching your North German Ancestors"**
by Bob Rau, Cincinnati, Ohio

Genealogical research in northern Germany is different. That is because we must deal with unusual naming conventions, occupation and social status designations, difficult and incomplete records, and the Napoleonic Gap in the church records.

After a brief review of general German genealogical techniques and procedures, this presentation will concentrate on the idiosyncrasies of North German records, and the special requirements for successfully researching North German ancestors. Illustrations and examples will be mainly from the area of northern Germany surrounding the city of Osnabrueck, in the former provinces of Hannover and Westfalen.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:



Robert ‘Bob’ Rau of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been interested in genealogy for over thirty years, and has been researching his and his wife’s ancestral lines, all of which go back into Germany and Alsace-Lorraine. He has done extensive research in the microfilmed LDS records, and has been a non-member librarian, specializing in German research, at the LDS Family History Center in Cincinnati for over twenty years. He has made numerous trips to Germany and to Salt Lake City to further his research, and has made presentations on various aspects of German genealogy and Cincinnati and Southeastern Indiana German church history to adult education classes and local, state and national genealogical societies. He was active in the microfilming of German Lutheran and Evangelical church records from Cincinnati and Southeastern Indiana, and is a member of numerous genealogical societies.