



# Der Bote



Announcements for members of the  
Sacramento German Genealogy Society

January 25, 2011

## Today's program

**Presenter: Warren Bittner**

**Title: "Impossible Immigrants – I Know Everything about the Man, Except Where He Came From"**

**Here's an introduction to the topic:**

"Immigrants did not throw a dart at a map when choosing where to settle in a new country. People usually chose a particular county or town because they knew someone who was living there. If you can identify one of these 'someones,' and find where he or she was born, you can often find the birthplaces of elusive immigrants. Friends, neighbors and distant relatives are often the only way to find where in Europe an immigrant was born."

## Upcoming programs

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

**Presenter: Raymond S. Wright III, Ph.D., A.G.**  
**Title: "Records in German and Polish Archives"**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

**Presenter: Joan Gunn (SGGS member now working toward certification)**  
**Title: "Deciphering German Town Names"**

## Then comes our Saturday, April 16, 2011 Annual Seminar!

**Presenter: Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., A.G.**  
**Title: "In Search of Our German Ancestors"**

**Topics to be covered:**

1. Church Records in Germany
2. Avoiding "Self-Defeating Behaviors" in German Family History Research
3. Conducting Family History Research in Europe
4. Civil Records in Germany
5. Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe
6. German Immigrants in American Protestant Church Records

You can fill out your pre-registration form today. Then mark that date in your date-book! This one's a biggie!

## Did you receive an email from SGGS?

SGGS has been trying out a meeting announcement system whereby we send to members an email message concerning an upcoming monthly meeting. Please let us know if you did NOT receive an announcement for this meeting today. We need to perfect the system so that everyone is informed.

## What an offer – for Austria research!

Prof. Roger P. Minert is responsible for all courses in Germanic family history research at Brigham Young University.

He will reside in Vienna, Austria from August to December 2011 and will entertain requests for research while there.

The ancestor sought must be clearly identified by name and birth or marriage date. The person must have been born before 1914, Catholic, and a resident of a specific parish in Vienna or at a specific address in the city.

Prof. Minert will have the assistance of three or more students for qualifying projects. This research will be done at no cost to the client. The team will also be able to travel to locations in the province of Lower Austria (Niederösterreich) within about fifty miles of Vienna to work in Catholic parish offices. For such projects, Prof. Minert will request travel cost reimbursement.

Applications may be sent via snail mail to Prof. Roger P. Minert, 210 F JSB BYU, Provo, UT 84602-5669 or via email at [rpm@byu.edu](mailto:rpm@byu.edu).

## Try it! You may be surprised!

Do you have a question about your genealogy? Try the relatively new "Wiki" on your computer

Just go to [wiki.FamilySearch.org](http://wiki.FamilySearch.org)

Then type in your inquiry. (For example, "Hamilton County, Ohio" or "Alsace gazetteer," or "Posen, Germany" or "German occupations.")

Then click on that little symbol for a magnifying glass. Just wait to see all the information you can get! If one try fails, just try another, or use different search words.

The Wiki grows every day. Keep checking it out.

The SGGS Study Group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church Education Building, second floor, on the same Tuesdays as SGGS's monthly meetings. You are welcome to attend and share your genealogy problems.