

Howard B. Furer, compiler and editor, *The Germans in America 1607-1970*, Oceana Publications, Inc. (Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., 1973), 156 pp.

Noting in his "Foreword" that this book is not intended to serve as an extensive reference volume, Prof. Furer (Newark State College) has compiled most of his data from the authoritative works by Carl Wittke, Ralph Wood, and A. E. Zucker, and from Richard O'Connor's recent study (*The German-Americans: An Informal History*) as well as from Maldwyn A. Jones' work, *American Immigration*. Whereas he acknowledges A. B. Faust's monumental history of German-America, Prof. Furer does not cite it as one of the "major sources used to compile the bulk of the chronological factual materials comprising the chronology of this work." In addition to some 82 pages of facts arranged in chronological order under five major headings ("Early German Settlement, 1607-1800"; "Ante-Bellum Immigration, 1801-60"; "German Immigration in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century, 1861-1910"; "German Immigration in the Twentieth Century 1911-50"; "The Hyphenated German Is Gone, 1951-70"), Furer offers the reader a valuable "Documents"-section (in English) comprising 51 pages of excerpts from the writings of such notables as Pastorius, Herman Melville, Gottfried Duden, Karl Theodor Griesinger, Carl Schurz, which shed considerable light on a variety of German-American topics, problems, attitudes, experiences, and observations. Appended to this volume is a 14-page "Bibliography" which provides more than ample reference to additional materials for those who are inspired to delve deeper into the annals of German-American history. Furer also provides an index to the many names mentioned in the main body of his text.

Secondary school students, adults seeking their first introduction to the vast field of German-American studies, and community and junior college students will welcome Prof. Furer's attractively bound book. However, in addition to the several faulty grammatical and stylistic constructions among

the compiler-editor's annotations, his inconsistency in citing either the German or Anglicized forms for proper nouns is a negative feature of the otherwise attractive format of this book. For example:

Page 147:Detailed *geneology* of the Pershing family *written by a member of that family from 1749-1925*. [Italics mine]

Page 147:Excellent biography of the famed millionaire *although old*. [Italics mine]

Page 4: ...from the Palatinate.../ Page 9: ...the "Pfalz"

Page 13: *John* Heckewelder/ Page 8: *Johann* Kelpius [Italics mine]

A cursory review of the orthography of this book revealed some seventy spelling errors. The punctuation, especially when it comes to hyphenization, also needs improvement. Examples:

Page 29: Kirschenverein [Kirchenverein]

Page 30: Deutsch-Römish [Deutsch-Römisches]

Page 97: ...mehrjährigen Aufen- / / / thalt ... Vebervölkerung... [...mehrjährigen Aufent- / / / halt ... Uebervölkerung....]

This reviewer looks forward to a revised edition—in the very near future—sans the misspellings and other shortcomings mentioned above. Oceana Publications would do well to have *The Germans in America 1607-1970* proofread by a person schooled in the German language, and preferably one who is familiar with German-American history, English grammar, and punctuation.

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