

GERMAN-AMERICAN NOTES

Ethnic Archives in Cleveland

The Library of the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, Ohio is seeking manuscript and published items relating to German-American history in the Greater Cleveland area. Among the materials being sought are the records of lodges, singing societies, Turnvereine, businesses, political organizations and churches; the papers of politicians, lawyers, doctors, writers and the "ordinary citizen"; and published items such as newspapers, anniversary pamphlets and books. Preserved in the Library's archival stack building, such records are of great value to scholars studying Cleveland's German population.

The Library of the Western Reserve Historical Society is the only professionally staffed manuscripts repository in the Cleveland area. The Library has been collecting and preserving manuscript and published materials relating to Cleveland's history for over 100 years. Since 1971, the Library has been making special efforts to locate all types of library materials relating to the various nationality groups that have settled in Cleveland. It is the hope of the Society's Library to preserve enough primary source materials to allow extensive research to be undertaken in Cleveland ethnic history in a Cleveland-based repository.

It is important therefore that the records of Cleveland's German population be located and preserved before they are scattered beyond the city, or lost forever. Individuals and organizations having, or knowing of minute books, correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, newspapers, books and pamphlets relating to German-American history in the Cleveland, Ohio area should contact John J. Grabowski, Ethnic Archives Specialist at the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106 — (216) 721-5722.

All arrangements for the preservation and scholarly use of materials donated to the Library are made only under conditions agreeable to the donor. Donors always retain access privileges to their materials. Because of the Society's status as a non-profit organization, gifts of monetarily valuable items are often tax deductible.

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Mein Wallfahrtsort:
ein Lagerhaus im Negerghetto
namens Over-the-Rhine
wo Dichter weilten
verkannte Gedichte
verfolgtes Volk
damals pflückte man Blumen
zu bunten Kränzen
ein Saufbold speit
Unkraut und Unrat
zerdrückte Träne
wonnenvolle Andacht
Deine Stimme flüstert
hinterm Vorhang:
Engelsklänge in flammender Glut
NIMMER weich' ich von Dir
ahnende Brust
verbotene Lust
man vergass unsren Weg
zum Pfade der Stillen
das Höchste nicht geglückt
doch unterwegs: Rattermann . . .

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