

GERMAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Between the years 1831 and 1851, 374, 654 Germans emigrated from Bremen to the U.S.A. The Deutsche Bund consisted of 38 states at that time. Most of them demanded an emigration fee before permission to depart was granted. An exception was the state known as Sachsen-Weimar which required only that potential emigrants give notice to their creditors that they planned to emigrate. This was done by publishing an announcement in a local newspaper, such as the *Blätter von der Saale*. Herbert Koch has compiled a list of emigrants whose names appeared in this paper between the years 1857 and 1873. See "Thüringische Auswanderer in den Jahren 1857 bis 1873," *Mitteldeutsche Familienkunde*, Bd. V, Jg. 17, Heft 4(Okt. - Dez. 1976), pp. 154-156. A copy of this issue is available at the Ward Collection, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Genealogists whose German-speaking ancestors settled in Montgomery County, Pa. should consult some of the early works on that area, e.g. Moses Auge (b.1811 -- resided in Norristown for a long time), *LIVES OF THE EMINENT DEAD AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF PROMINENT LIVING CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.* (Norristown, 1879). Auge also wrote "Historical Sketches of Norristown" which appeared in the *NORRISTOWN REGISTER* in a series of weekly articles from 1880 to 1881. His *FIVE ESSAYS OR LECTURES ON SOME OF THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE DAY, WITH A SKETCH OF THE AUTHOR AND HIS ANCESTORS* (Norristown, 1879) is also important. In 1859, "Sketches of the Churches and Meetings of Montgomery County" (by Wilmer Atkinson, b.1840 -- resident of Upper Dublin) appeared in 18 numbers in the *NORRISTOWN REGISTER*. W. Harry Boyd of Pottsville, Pa. compiled and published a *NORRISTOWN, BRIDGEPORT AND POTTSTOWN DIRECTORY*; several editions appeared before 1884. William Whitehead compiled similar directories, one for the years 1860-61. William E. Morris compiled *TOWNSHIP MAP OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY* (Phila., 1849) which gives the names of the landholders, churches etc.

The recently published OHIOANA LIBRARY YEARBOOK contains articles on the Amish, Germans, Swiss, and the Zoar settlement.

Dorothy Justman's GERMAN COLONISTS IN HOUSTON (Nortex Press: 1974) contains a dozen ancestral charts.

If you have genealogical information on German-Americans in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, please send details to the editor of the JGAS for the Ward Collection.

The Stadtarchiv Lauffen a.N. is one of the most important genealogical archives for the Heilbronn and Wuerttemberg/Baden areas. Its records go back at least to 1455. An informative article on this archive's holdings (by Otfried Kies) is in Band 15, Heft 4 (Oktober 1976) of **SÜDWESTDEUTSCHE BLÄTTER FÜR FAMILIEN - UND WAPPENKUNDE**, a copy of which is at the Ward Collection, Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio.

A good source on Swiss-American genealogy is the NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG (Zurich) An article on Swiss place and family names in America appeared therein. See 175 (1954), Nr. 1743, 1744, 1748.

Americana Books, Box 385, Georgetown, MA 01830 has genealogies of German-American families for sale, e.g. HESS, LANG, SCHRAMM, VOGT, WALTZ, WANZER.
