

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

By a unanimous decision the Executive Committee of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland approved in 1973 the suggestion of the editor of *The Report* to devote the 1975 issue to themes of the American Revolution. In presenting *The Report 36* the Society is hopeful that the articles contributed by five authors will shed some new light on the share of German-Americans in the trials and the glories of the birth of our Nation.

Shortly before this issue of *The Report* went to the printer, we were saddened by the news that our long-time member, Professor Taylor Starck died in Hyannis, Massachusetts at the age of 84. A brief and hurried memorial notice would not adequately define the stature of this extraordinary man. A fitting tribute shall appear in *The Report 37*.

We are pleased to learn that libraries which subscribe to *The Report* have begun to note the sub-title, *Journal of German-American History*, in their public catalogs. This sub-title was added to our publication, beginning with *The Report 33*.

Since the publication of the last *Report* in 1972, the German Baroque Collection of our President, Professor Harold Jantz, has been made available to the world of research through microfilm publication. The Harold Jantz Collection contains principally material from the Baroque period, but including some pre-Baroque and post-Baroque material. This valuable collection has hitherto been little known. Only a few initiates—students and friends of Professor Jantz had a view of the hidden treasures of his collection. A printed and bound bibliography of the Jantz Collection on microfilm appeared last year in three volumes.

The guest speakers at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Society, which is traditionally held in February of each year, were:

- 1973 PROFESSOR HAROLD JANTZ (The Johns Hopkins University), "Wandering Scholar."
- 1974 MR. CHARLES F. STEIN, JR. (President of the Society for the History of the German in Maryland), "The Maryland German-Americans in the American Revolution."
- 1975 DR. MORGAN H. PRITCHETT (Head, Maryland Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library) in collaboration with DR. EDITH VON ZEMENSKY (Morgan State College), "Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben: Soldier of Fortune or Military Professional?."

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