

# Maryland Notes

## LAST ISSUE OF THE *BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENT* ON OCTOBER 31, 1976

In its last issue, dated October 31, 1976, the *Baltimore Correspondent*, Maryland's last remaining German newspaper, informed its 283 subscribers that 135 years of newspaper history had come to an end. *The Correspondent*, printed in Woodside, New York since 1970, ceased publication. It had begun a sometimes illustrious career during the second week of May 1841 as *Der Deutsche Correspondent*. Then a 19 year old immigrant, Frederick Raine, had started with 80 subscribers. Fifty years later the paper counted 12,250, and in 1940 even 21,695 subscribers. Now for two years Baltimore has been without its own German-language newspaper. News of local German-American societies is regularly being carried in the *Washington Journal* (founded in 1859). Baltimore had practically never been without a German press since Henry Dulheuer started a German weekly on June 15, 1786.

## SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE GERMANS IN FREDERICK COUNTY, 1730-1800

Elizabeth A. Kessel, a graduate student at Rice University in Houston, Texas, has begun comprehensive research for her doctoral dissertation on the social history of the Germans in Frederick County, Maryland, 1730-1800. Ms. Kessel, a resident of Falls Church, Virginia, is particularly looking for letters, documents and diaries of that early period. She is covering every aspect of German life on the Maryland frontier. The study of the rural German population in the western counties has been particularly neglected by scholars. The only significant contributions were made by authors of church and county histories. No systematic analysis of available documentation in court records (deeds, wills etc.) has been made prior to Ms. Kessel's involvement in the subject.

## 18TH CENTURY MARYLAND ITEMS IN GERMAN ARCHIVES

A recent German publication, *Inventar der Quellen zur Geschichte der Auswanderung, 1200-1914* of the State Archives of the Rhineland-Palatinate, mentions a number of Maryland items of the 18th century. The *Landeshauptarchiv Koblenz* reports (*Herrschaft Daun*, Bestand 30, #126, No. 4678) material dealing with the efforts of Sophia Eluenberg of Flammersfeld to receive her inheritance left by her father who died in America and the correspondence she had with her relatives in Baltimore in 1784. Two items in the *Landesarchiv Speyer (Kurpfalz, Bestand A 2)* deal with Maryland Germans. Item #1061, No. 957 is the power of attorney in an inheritance case given by Jacob and Christian Schäfer of Annapolis, Province of Maryland, 1774. Item #1120, No. 1674 deals with a bequest to Margarethe Roth in Frederick County, Maryland in 1761.