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The present volume of *The Report: Journal of German-American History* represents a continued commitment of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland to provide tools for family research to its members and a nation-wide readership. This charge began with *The Report 38* and is complemented now by the contents of the present volume, *The Report 39.* The Society is delighted by the overwhelming response of the public to *The Report 38,* with requests coming from throughout the United States and abroad. A highlight of that volume are the inventories of the extant German church records in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. Copies of *The Report 38* are still available as well as selected past issues of *The Reports.* Inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary. It should also be noted that the Society possesses a limited number of first edition copies of a seminal work of German-American studies—*The Maryland Germans: A History* by Dieter Cunz. Original copies are for sale to libraries, institutions, and interested individual scholars and researchers. *The Maryland Germans* is the first full history of the German immigration to a state of the Middle Atlantic region and demonstrates well the typical American juxtaposition of Anglo-Saxon and Continental European immigrants.

Through its Annual Dinner Meetings, the Society continues to present its members speakers who treat topics highlighting the full variety of the history of Germans in America. Topics during the last few years include German folkart among the Pennsylvania Dutch, Germans in Georgia, and the editorial notes concerning the papers of Steuben.

Through scholarship, discussion, and good will, the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland maintains a critical forum for the study of the German presence in American culture. And while it does not provide services for individual generalogical research, its purpose serves the preservation of substantive interest in German-American studies.

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