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What we are today, we owe in part to our ancestors. Pride of ancestry is commendable in people wherever found. It is this feeling of pride that holds people together, that causes them to cherish and record the deeds of the valor and the achievements of their kin. Indeed, it was a desire to share the glory and the past greatness of one's own people which led to the formation of the Society for the History of Germans in Maryland in 1886, a society which has distinguished itself in becoming the only group of its kind to reach the hundred-year milestone.

The Society’s purpose is to collect and preserve material which documents the history of the influence of the German element in the growth and development of the United States of America, with particular reference to the State of Maryland. In pursuance of these purposes, the Society has published, over the years, forty-one (41) volumes of its journal entitled, *The Report: A Journal of German-American History*. Plans now call for the yearly publication of the Society’s journal.

In the belief that those who receive and read this volume are interested in preserving and perpetuating the knowledge of the meritorious role that those of German heritage have played in the making of our nation and of the State of Maryland, we take the liberty of inviting your cooperation by becoming a member of the Society and/or by making a contribution to it.

Once a year, the members of the Society gather for a dinner meeting. At this meeting, various activities of the Society are reported, and an outstanding historian presents a lecture on an aspect of the history of German-Americans. The annual dues are a modest fifteen ($15.00) dollars per year (for either an individual or a couple) which entitles each member to a copy of the journal when it is published (a single issue is mailed to each address). The Society is exempt from both federal and state taxes because of its purposes, and contributions made to the Society are tax deductible. So please remember the Society in your will. The following bequest form is suggested, "I bequest to the Society of the History of the Germans in Maryland, the sum of --------------------------dollars ($ ) to be used by said corporation for the purpose for which it is incorporated."

Towering that we may have the pleasure of a favorable response to our invitation, we are,

Very respectfully,

The Executive Committee
FROM THE EDITOR

In 1986, the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland celebrated its centennial with the publication of Report No. 40. Now, four years later, Report No. 41 is the first publication of the new century. And there is much to mark the beginning of a new era. In 1986, Carrie-May Zintl, who was then president of the Society, collected material for a volume on German-American families and businesses in Maryland. The response to Dr. Zintl's request for information was so overwhelming that the Executive Committee has decided to make a column on German-American enterprise a standard part of each Report. Bill McClain, long-time member and former vice-president of the Society, has graciously volunteered to write that column, the first installment of which appears in these pages. Thanks are due to the many individuals who answered the original call for information.

The new century also brings a new look to the Report itself. Beginning with this volume we will attempt to make each edition more readable and to provide the opportunity for graphics to accompany our articles. Thanks largely to computer technology and the tenacity and inspiration of Klaus Wust, the readers of the Report will get a glimpse of the fascinating source documents which inspire the articles we publish.

With the new look comes a new editor. After more than thirty years as editor of the Report, Klaus Wust has expressed his desire to retire from active involvement in the editing of each volume. The Society extends its heartfelt thanks to Klaus for all his efforts over the years, and I add a personal note of gratitude for his assistance and sage advice in producing the current issue.

Finally, the best news of all. Under the active leadership of Jerry Wittstadt, the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland is flourishing. As a result of some generous contributions from several sources, including the German Society of Maryland, we are building a modest publication fund which, if it continues to grow, should provide sufficient income to fund the annual publication of this Report. Thus, as the Society inaugurates its second century with the publication of its forty-first Report there exists the very real possibility that we may soon be able to realize the first goal of this organization, the yearly publication of its Report.

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