GERMAN SETTLEMENTS AND IMMIGRANTS IN VIRGINIA: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

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This bibliography of books, pamphlets and articles is a by-product of almost twenty years of research into the history and the acculturation process of the German element in Virginia and neighboring states to the west and south. An attempt has been made to include not only material specifically dealing with the Germans and German-Swiss but also writings of local and church historians containing a good deal of information on the German segment of the population. The 328 entries have been arranged according to subjects and periods in order to increase the usefulness of this compilation for students of particular topics. A selective process was necessitated both by reasons of space and by the decision to concentrate on such printed sources as are accessible either in the larger libraries of Virginia or in the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library.

Items of the following types were generally omitted:

1. Virginia German imprints not containing historical or related information;
2. Family histories and genealogical material;
3. Local historical material of secondary interest to students of German immigration. (This applies particularly to the Shenandoah Valley for which a general bibliography is being prepared by the Shenandoah Valley Folklore Society in Harrisonburg.)
4. Synodical and conference minutes of the Lutheran and Reformed churches.
5. Constitutions and by-laws of German fraternal societies.
6. Newspaper articles containing information available in other published items.

For printed sources on the general background of German immigration and settlement in the United States, the user of this list is referred to the following major bibliographical compilations:


Further information, particularly on manuscript sources and unpublished documents, will be available from the annotations of a comprehensive his-
tory, Klaus Wust, *The Virginia Germans*, to be published within the next months by The University Press of Virginia.

The following abbreviations have been used:

AGR—*American German Review*.

ECK—"'S Pennsylvanisch Deitsch Eck," publ. weekly in the Allentown *Morning Call*, reprinted regularly for libraries, ed. by Preston A. Barba.

NGSQ — *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.


VMHB — *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

WMQ — *William and Mary Quarterly*. 

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