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German Settlement in Illinois
Papers and Letters, 1822, 1832-37, 1846.

Articles from Das Westland, v. 1-3, 1837, Heidelberg, Germany, G. Engelmann and Capt. Neyfield, St. Louis, Editors [transcripts]


“Fortlaufende Übersicht der die Vereinigten Staaten und die Einwanderung dahin betreffenden Literatur.” A series of reviews of books on North America, published in 1833, written in German as guidebooks for prospective German emigrants, taken from Das Westland, v. I (1837), pp. 97-112 (22 pp., partially translated).


“Steigen der Preise in St. Louis.” Excerpt from Das Westland, v. I, pp. 252-254, dealing with inflation in St. Louis in 1836 (3 pp.).

Travel Writings and Book Reviews

Duden Gottfried. “Vorrede sur Zweite Auflage” (Gericht, über eine Reise nach den westlichen Staaten Nordamerikals und einen mehrjährigen Aufenthalt am Missouri [in den Jahren 1824, 25, 26 und 1827], in Bezug auf Auswandering und ueber dessen Bedeutung fur die hausliche und politische Lage du Europoaer.) (St. Gallew, 1832). Unpublished MSS
preface to second edition. The text of the volume itself represents a description of Duden’s journey in the west, especially Missouri, for the benefit of potential German emigrants. In his preface to the second volume Duden defended his work from the attacks of critics. [For bibliographical data see Solon J. Buck, Travel and Description (Illinois Historical Collections, v. IX, p. 96.] (44 pp., translation 37 pp.)


Marion Dexter Learned. “German Wanderings to the West,” possibly completed at the University of Pennsylvania treating primarily the Colonial period but touching briefly on the nineteenth century and Illinois. Includes two anti-slavery poems of unknown source (25 pp.).

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Adam Klinger to Jacob Herin, Haines Township, Centre County, Penn., May 12, 1822, regarding food prices and agriculture (3 pp. photocopy and 3 pp. transcript and English translation).

Letter in German from Belleville. Beginning of June, 1836. Handwritten transcript. The author is unknown but the letter describes problems faced by some of the early German pioneers, i.e., high prices of domestic goods, help they had brought with them from Germany running away, etc. (7 pp., partially translated).

Benjamin Epley, Rockview, Stephenson County, Ill., to Hanna Xonders, Spring-Mills P.O., Centre County, Penn., Sept.
19, 1846, regarding land prices and availability in Illinois and family news (4 pp. photocopy and 5 pp. transcript and translation).