

Book Describes Germans' Role in the American Civil War

Cincinnati, OH (awj) - Germans played an important role in the Civil War. They strongly opposed slavery, as well as the secession of the southern states. Many had military experience in the Prussian and other armies of the German states. When the war broke out, Germans enlisted in great numbers. Their story is told in a book that was originally published in German in 1911.

It was written by Wilhelm Kaufmann, editor of a German newspaper in Cleveland, but was never translated until 1999 when historian Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, president of the German-American Citizens

League and Curator of the German Heritage Museum, organized an editorial team to get it translated, and edited for publication.

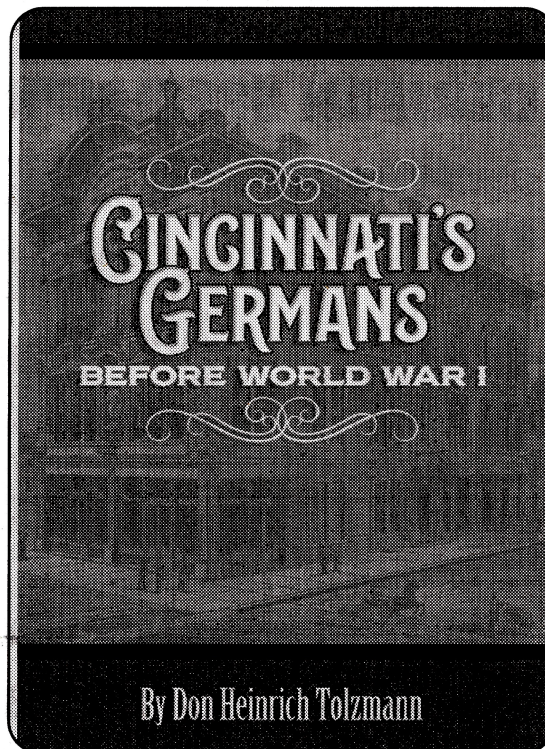
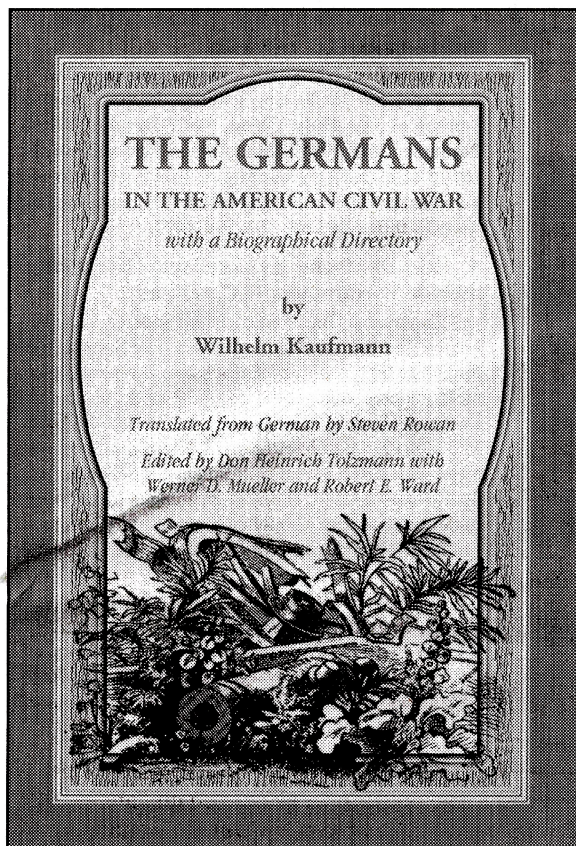
Kaufmann's history is a goldmine of historical and biographical information. It was published when there was great pride in German heritage, but thereafter came the anti-German sentiment of two world wars when German contributions were not highlighted, but rather ignored, obscured and generally forgotten.

According to Dr. Tolzmann: "It is a landmark work that provides the point of departure for those interested in the role played by

Germans in the Civil War. That is why I got the work published in translation – decades after it appeared in German."

The book appeared in translation as *Germans in the American Civil War*, with a Biographical Directory. Long since out of print, it has now been reprinted by Heritage Books. It contains maps, a biographical directory, and an index of names, places, and subjects. It is an essential source for all those interested in the topic of Germans in the Civil War. The book is available from Heritage Books (www.heritagebooks.com) as well as from Amazon.com.

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Another great book available is „Cincinnati's Germans“ from Dr. Don H. Tolzmann, which can be purchased at amazon.com / littlemiamibooks.com or local bookstores.