

GERMAN HERITAGE EXPLORATIONS

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Motivated by a need to study and preserve German-American history, literature, and culture, Dr. Tolzmann has dedicated his career to seeking out the historical records of his beloved German heritage. This volume, third in a series, is a collection of articles, essays, and speeches from years past. A wide array of subject matter is included, beginning with the colonial era and progressing to the present day. In particular, he focuses on the Triangle Cities of Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and St. Louis. He discusses the German participation in the American Revolution, the Civil War and World War I. Chapters include essays on such recognizable persons as Martin Luther, Baron von Steuben, and several lesser known but important contributors to the German American scene, i.e. Carl Schurz, Robert E. Ward, Paul Follenius, Friedrich Muench, Dr and Mrs. C. F. Walther, and others. As an author, editor and translator, Dr. Tolzmann has published works dealing with immigration, settlement and the influences which have promoted the celebration of German heritage.

His career began at the University of Minnesota in the Walter Library as a student assistant in the Reference Department. Following graduation from the University of Kentucky, he began his career at the University of Cincinnati where he created a special collection of German Americana while pursuing a double major in German and History, with a minor in Library Science. His essays contained in this volume provide a basic understanding of the social, economic and political history, especially as it relates to the Triangle area. Other essays in the publication, some of which have never before been published, discuss the Pastorius Monument located in Germantown and the Carl Schurz Memorial Monument in Morningside Park in New York City. Each of the thirty five chapters expounds on some aspect of the German American experience, which he is obviously well qualified to do.

In addition to his prolific writings, Dr. Tolzmann is active in a number of German-American organizations including the Society of German American Studies, The Steuben Society of America and he is currently president of the German American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati and the Curator of the German Heritage Museum in Cincinnati. He serves on the editorial board of *The Palatine Immigrant* and the yearbook of *German American Studies*. In addition, he has assisted in the production of several PBS television programs. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and has won numerous awards for his work.

A copy of this publication has been donated by the author to the Palatines to America Collection at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.