

German Marylanders

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German American Heritage Month

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Zion Church of the City of Baltimore



What will you find on this website?

- Biographical Sketches 714
- Churches 153
- Cemeteries 69
- Memorial Photographs/Cemeteries 16,600
- Plus Many Extras!
 - German participation in the military
 - Orphanages
 - The German Schools
 - Clubs, Societies & Groups
 - Entertainment & Celebrations
 - Genealogy Resources
 - Immigration
 - Street name changes
 - Surnames

And much more.....

- We are always looking for additions. If you have a family story, an immigration story or a special photo send it to me at germanmarylanders@gmail.com.

Why the Website?

- In 2010 I was asked to go to the Maryland General Assembly and introduce legislation that would declare October 'German American Heritage Month'
- While gathering data, I found it to be too extensive to handle with mounds of paper and data and found online to be the best way to save and to share.
- In 2013, the Maryland General Assembly declared October German-American Heritage Month.



Some very important facts/statistics

- First German, John Lederer (born in Hamburg, Germany in 1644) arrived March 9, 1669...first European to crest the Blue Ridge Mountains. Settled in Maryland in 1671.
- 1732: Charles, Lord Baltimore makes liberal offers of land to get industrious German families to move to Maryland.
- 1735: About 100 families from Germany, by way of the Chesapeake Bay settle in Frederick.
- 1739: Jonathan Hager settles in what is later to be known as Hagerstown.
- 1756: Schifferstadt completed (Joseph Brunner Family) The intent was a residence and a fort fending against Indian attacks. Still exists and is the best example of German colonial architecture in the country.
- Where was the first German Settlement in the US???????

More very important facts/statistics

- 1779: Resolution to translate acts of the Maryland General Assembly into German (first official recognition by the State of the existence of the German language among Maryland inhabitants).
- 1783: The German Society of Maryland founded to combat serious problems facing immigrants from German speaking countries.
- 1790: As many as 100,000 Germans have immigrated to America...estimated 8.6% of the US population and 12% of the population in Maryland.
- 1880: Between 1800 and 2005, over 7 million German speakers immigrated to the US. The largest wave 1840-1914.

More very important statistics

Germans Arriving in Maryland ports

- Some statistics (first available and as a result of a Maryland law, which was amended in 1832 that provided a portion of money paid by the immigrants arriving in Baltimore, \$1.50. This was initially divided evenly among the German Society and the Hibernian Society (Irish counterpart), however, more Germans were arriving and the amendment to the law provided for proportional sharing).
 - 1833-1839: 44,584 persons
 - 1840-1850: 50,660 persons
 - 1851-1860: 73,722 persons

More very important statistics

- **1860** Federal census shows that Maryland had a population of 590,860 people.
 - Of that 77,536 were foreign born.
 - Of the foreign born, 43,884 were born in the German states (Austria 182; Bavaria 7,733; Baden 3,485; Hesse 8,126; Nassau 94; Prussia 2,827; Württemberg 2,229 and Germany-not specified 19,208). The next largest foreign born population were the Irish at 21,872 and the English at 4,235, trailed by the Scottish at 1,583.

More very important statistics

- **1890:** First German Day in Maryland
- **1890** Census shows of the 434,439 persons in Baltimore, 101,112 are German or of German parentage. This is 23.28% of the city's population.
- 1900-53.4% of Marylanders had one or both parents born in German speaking districts of middle Europe. Maryland had the 4th largest concentration of German Americans, exceeded only by Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri. The national average was 30.2%. The actual numbers in Maryland were 44,990 born in Germany and 145,513 with one or both parents born in Germany

More very important statistics

We still have that large base!

- What about more modern times:
- **1990-The 1990 Census show that the German-Americans are the largest ethnic group in the U.S. with 57,947,374 persons or 23.3% of the U.S. Population** claiming some form of German ancestry. Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Past-President of the Society of German-American studies adds that the German category does not include Germans from other German speaking states and regions of Europe and the Americas. So to the German Statistic could be added:
- Alsatian 16,465
- Austrian 870,531
- Luxemburger 49,061
- Swiss-German 700,000* (70% of the total Swiss Statistic)
- Pennsylvania German 305,841
- The six additional German ethnic groups total 1,952,051. The total of the seven groups 59,937,646. The results indicate that the German Americans constitute a full one-fourth of the population.
- *(Source: Deutsche Welt-U.S.A., July / Aug. 1992)*

My website

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- Divided into several categories:
- Profiles
- Cemeteries
- Churches
- Clubs, Societies, Groups
- Entertainment and Celebrations
- Genealogy
- German American Heritage Month
- Links to Things German
- Miscellaneous A to Z
- Schools
- Timeline
- Sources

Why are the statistics important?

- What did this early German population do to improve our living/standards in Maryland?
- How did they contribute?
- What is on the website?
- Let's look at a few of the profiles. They are persons that contributed in some way to those living in Maryland, some specifically Baltimore. Keep in mind that many of the Baltimore Germans migrated from the Frederick area and many of those in Frederick from Pennsylvania
- Some names you will recognize, others you will not, but each person was important in their own way and helped pave the way.

Let's take a look at a few of the Profiles on the site

- The profiles are for persons that have contributed in some way to the lives of those living in Maryland, some specifically Baltimore. Keep in mind that many of the Baltimore Germans migrated from Frederick and many in Frederick from Pennsylvania.
- There are some names you will recognize and some you will not.
- Profile section is divided into groups:
 - Architects & Engineers (19)
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 - Military (38)
 - Ordinary Folk (50)
 - Printing & Publishing (19)
 - Science & Medicine (49)
 - Sports (17)

Architects & Engineers

- **George Aloysius Frederick (12-16-1842 to 8-17-1924)**
- Visit <http://georgeafrederick.com/> (dedicated to his works)
- **His projects included, but are not limited to:**
 - The House of Correction in Jessup in 1875
 - Reparation of the State House in 1877
 - **Baltimore's City Hall (He was 20 Years Old)**
 - Hollins Market;
 - **Baltimore City College**
 - **Edgar Allen Poe Monument**
 - the Rennert Hotel
 - the Bauernschmidt House;
 - Cylburn;
 - Greisenheim
 - Baltimore's Orphan Asylum;
 - German Correspondent Building
 - **Several churches including St. Pius, St. Thomas; St. James and St. John's Church;**
 - **A.S. Abell Building**
 - and several projects in the city parks, including Druid Hill, Patterson and Federal Hill.



Architects & Engineers



What bridge did Mr. Greiner build here?



- **John Edwin Greiner**
- **(2-24-1859 to 1942)**
- The Greiner family immigrated to the U.S. in the early part of the nineteenth century from Württemberg, Germany.
- Lived in Delaware and moved to Baltimore when commissioned to study Building laws after the Great Baltimore Fire.
- Worked for the B&O Railroad from 1885 to 1908, designing almost every one of their bridges built at this time.
- **Greiner is recognized by some as one of the three major icons of American bridge engineers, the other two being John Augustus Roebling, the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge, and Gustav Lindenthal, the engineer for the Hell Gate Bridge and the Queensboro Bridge in New York.**

Additional Architects & Engineers

- Adams, Henry
- Adams, Otto Eugene
- Ancker, Walter W.
- Bollman, Wende I
- Brauns, F. Henry
- Bunnecke, George
- Cluss, Adolf
- Cohen, Mendes
- Emrich, August
- Faul, Augustus
- Fritzsche, Robert
- Lupus, Edward
- Niernsee, John Rudolph
- Oehme, Wolfgang
- Saum, Jacob
- Wiegand, William Daniel
- Zink, John

Artists-Painters, Sculptors, Writers, Musicians, Theater, etc.

- The 'Sage of Baltimore' was of German Descent.
- Henry Lewis Mencken (9-12-1880 to 1-29-1956)-Journalist, writer
- Mencken, known as the "Sage of Baltimore", is regarded as one of the most influential American writers and prose stylists of the first half of the 20th century.
- *He attributed the decline of ethnic Germans to the 'melting pot' they plunged in, shedding their difficult language and flaunting their appearance as look alikes of the English.*
- *His home was reopened as a museum on December 8, 2019.*



My favorite Mencken quote:
*'England gave us Puritanism,
Germany gave us Pilsner. Take your
choice'*

More Famous Artists....the music world

- Hilary Hahn is a Marylander of German Descent.....and a concert violinist
- Still lives in the area
- Began playing at the age of 3.
- Made debut in 1991 w. Baltimore Symphony
- Played with orchestras all over the world



- **Gustav Strube 3-3-1867 to 2-2-1953**
- The founder conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (1916)
- Born in Ballenstedt am Harz, Germany
- Known as 'Papa Strube'
- Taught at Peabody from 1916 to 1946

And the Sculptors...

- All wonderful artists that have made many contributions to the state through their **sculptures**.
- To Name of few (my favorites)
 - Han Schuler (1874-1951)-born in Alsace Lorraine.
 - **The Schuler Family (Art School still exists today)**
 - J. Maxwell Miller (1877 to 1934)
 - Ephraim Keyser (1850-1937)
 - William Rinehart (1825-1874)
 - Edward Berge (1876-1924)



Additional Artists

- Ascherfeld, Clara
- Bahr, Florence Elizabeth Riefle
- Bahr, Leonard Marion
- Berge, Edward
- Berger, Henry
- Beranger, (Strouse) Clara
- Cassidy, Eva
- Cone, Etta
- Cone, Claribel
- Dieterich, Louis P. (George)
- Erickson, Janet Doub
- Finger, Otto J.
- Fuchs, Otto
- Gontrum, John F.
- Hahn, Hilary
- Heyen, J.T.
- Hildebrandt, Samuel
- Hildebrandt, Charles
- Hildebrandt, Albert
- Kemmelmeyer, Frederick
- Keyser, Ephraim
- Meineke, Christoph (Charles)
- Mencken, August
- Mencken, Henry Lewis
- Miller, Alfred Jacob
- Miller, J. Maxwell
- Nengel, Philip
- Niemann, Henry
- Ortmann, Otto
- Prausnitz, Frederick
- Rinehard, William Henry
- Schaefer, John
- Schröder, Heinrich A.
- Schroeder, John Frederick
- Schuler, Ann Didusch
- Schuler, Hans K.
- Schuler, Hans C.
- Strube, Gustav
- Sudsburg, Joseph M.
- Sutro, Otto
- Tietsch, Ludwig O.
- Volck. Adalbert John
- Zassenhaus, Hiltgunt
- Zimmerman, Charles

Bakers & Candy Makers

- This candy maker still makes candy today-
- <https://www.goetzecandy.com/>



- And what about....
- <http://www.bergercookies.com/history.htm>



Bakers & Candy Makers

- **Albert Kirchmayr Chocolates**-Mr. Kirchmayr (1956)
- **Berger Cookies**-George and Henry Berger
- **Edelweiss Bakery**-Dietrich Paul (to 11-16-2007)
- **Glauber Chocolates**-John H. Glauber (8-8-1851 to 12-10-1931) Milton Glauber (7-1888 to 1926) Howard Glauber (10-1895 to)
- **Goetz Candies**-August Goetze (5-23-1832 to 9-4-1906) William Goetze (1863 to) R. Melvin Goetze (2-8-1889 to 2-1972)
- **Goldman's Kosher Bakery**-Fred B. 'Fritz' Cohn (1921 to 2006)
- **Anton Hagel** (4-17-1888 to 1-20-1967)
- **Hauswald's Bakery** -Sophia Hauswald Philip John Hauswald, Sr. (12-16-1892 to 2-1980) Philip John Hauswald (2-15-1925 to 11-30-1998)
- **Heinz Cake & Gift Haus**-Heinz Hubert Luesse (10-7-1934 to) Heinz Eric Luesse (9-6-1967 to)
- **Herman's Bakery**-Harry J. Herman (1918 to 11-2003)
- **Hoehn Bakery**-William Hoehn (1896 to 2021)
- **Koester's Bread**-Eilert Koester (9-1858 to 11-7-1948) Lisette Koester (12-1860 to 8-7-1947).
- **Lipps, Frederick** (10-3-1870 to 2-3-1930) Lipps, Frederick W. (9-18-1900 to 6-29-1955)
- **Muhly Bakery**-Eberhard Muhly (6-8-1804 to 8-22-1885)
- **Otterbein Bakery**-Adam J. Otterbein (12-1845 to 3-5-1911) August A. Otterbein (7-31-1884 to 3-14-1950) Andrew Joseph Otterbein (1913-1957) Mark Otterbein
- **Rheb's Chocolates** Louis Rheb (12-11-1890 to)
- **Schmidt Bakery** Elizabeth Mimms (Schmidt) (5-9-1850 to 9-11-1942) Peter Schmidt (9-4-1851 to 2-7-1907) Charles Schmidt (6-21-1877 to 10-27-1952)
- **Silber's Bakery**-Isaac Silber (1884 to 1945) Samuel Silber (1914 to 2001)
- **Wockenfuss Candies**-Herman Charles Wockenfuss (1875 to) Bernard (7-2-1915 to 8-26-2004)
- **Woodlea Bakery-Hergenroeder Family**-John Hergenroeder, Sr. (9-8-1881 to 4-1967) Charles Hergenroeder, Sr. (to 2007) John Hergenroeder (10-10-1909 to 10-28-1999)
- **Zirkler Union Square Bakery**-Erwin Zirkler (8-5-1910 to 11-21-1998) Helene Zirkler (5-18-1913 to 1-3-2000)

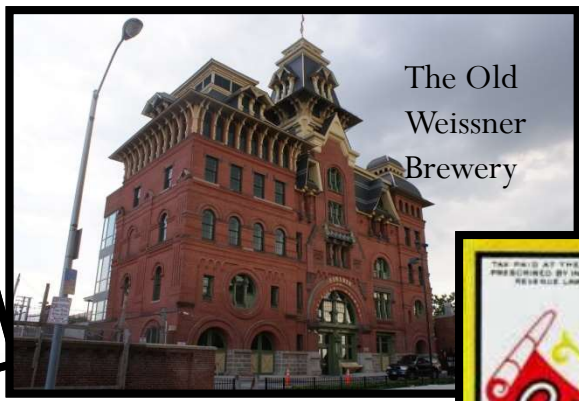
Maryland was also foaming over with brewers.

- Barnitz-first brewery in Baltimoretown-1748
- The 1870 Federal Census: There were 8 Brewers in Baltimore, employing 86 persons and having a production value of \$254,304.
- In 1877 the production of the 65 breweries in the Revenue District amounted to 247,722 barrels
- The year-report for the year 1886 shows 529,111 blls..

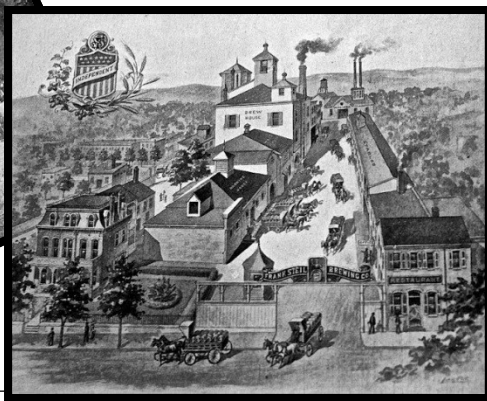
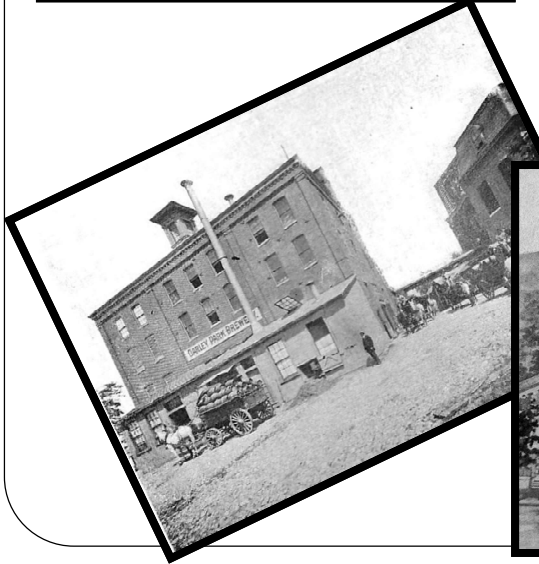
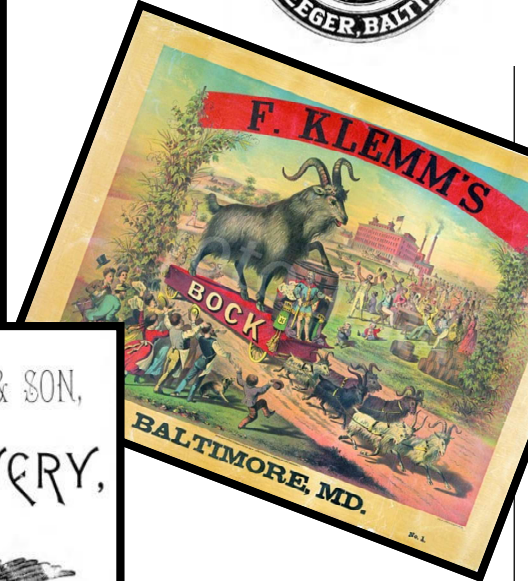
- The Brewers Association



- The brewery business suffered a huge blow in 1920 with the passage of the Volstead Act.



The Old Weissner Brewery



Other Brewers and Breweries

- Barnitz, John---the oldest brewery
- Barnitz, Elias Daniel
- Bauernschmidt, George
- Bauernschmidt, John Jacob
- Bauernschmidt, Frederick
- Bauernschmidt, John ('Little John')
- Beck, August
- Beck, August, Jr.
- Beck, Thomas
- Berger, Bernhardt
- Berger, J.M.
- Brehm, George
- Dukehart, Thomas M.
- Eigenbrot, Henry
- Englehardt, John
- Fessenmeier, Michael, Sr.
- Fessenmeier, Michael Jr.
- Fessenmeier, AndrewM
- Gunther, Max
- Gunther, Max
- Helldoerfer, Sebastian
- Hoblemann, Herman
- Hoenervogt
- Hoffberger, Charles Jerold
- Joh, Ferdinand
- Kresslein, John
- Pabst, George
- Rossmarck, George
- Rossmarck, Ferdinand
- Rossmarck, John C.
- Rost, George (Standard)
- Schlaffer, Franz
- Schlaffer, Anna
- Seeger, Jacob
- Steil, Frank
- Vonderhorst, J.H.
- Werner, Henry
- Wiessner, John Frederick

Big Business



May 18, 1874 to
October 30, 1955

- **Otto DuBrau**
- Mr. DuBrau was born Cottbus, Germany and emigrated to America in 1895.
- Interior Decorator
- Worked in the homes of Solomon Frank, Charles Hutzler, Max Hochschild, Charles Bartell and E. Emerson.
- He specialized in church decoration
- He was an active member of [Zion Church](#) and it's Sunday School and Saturday German Classes.
- Active in many German clubs and Societies

- **William Haussner**
(11-14-1894 to 6-7-1963)
- Immigrated from Germany in 1925
- He was a 'Master Chef' at the Museum Restaurant in Nuremberg.
- Opened his 'famous' Baltimore Restaurant in 1925 at a storefront on Eastern Avenue. Moved further down (3244) Eastern Avenue to a larger facility.
- The restaurant was in business for 76 years, serving its last official meal on Wednesday, October 6, 1999.



Speaking of Restaurants

- **Bavarian Brauhaus**
www.thebavarianbrauhaus.com
- **Black Forest Taphouse**
<https://www.blackforesttaphouse.com/>
- **Cafe Berlin DC**
<http://www.cafeberlin-dc.com/>
- **Cafe Mozart German Deli (Washington DC)**
<http://www.cafemozartgermandeli.com>
- **Crossbar Baltimore**
<https://www.crossbarbaltimore.com/>
- **das Bier Haus**
<http://dasbierhaus21230.com/>
- **Döner Bistro (Frederick, MD.)**
<http://www.doener-usa.com/location-frederick>
- **Dunderbak's (Whitehall PA)**
<http://www.dunderbak.com/locate.html>
- **Hofbrauhaus (PA)**
<http://hofbrauhauspa.com/>
- **Old Europe DC**
<http://www.old-europe.com>
- **Old Stein Inn (Annapolis, MD.)**
<http://www.oldstein-inn.com>
- **Prost Restaurant (Aberdeen, MD)**
www.prostrestaurant.com
- **Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant (Hagerstown, MD.)**
<http://www.schmankerlstube.com>
- **Tyber Bierhaus**
<http://www.tyberbierhausmd.com/>

Other Business

- Bender, Richard
- Blob, Maximillian
- Brune, Frederick William
- Coblantz, Emory Lorenzo
- Cone, Herman
- Dederer, George Frederick
- Diepgen, Ignaz Wilhelm
- Dolfield, Alexander Y.
- Dotterweich, Gerard 'Jerry'
- DuBrau, Otto
- Eisenhauer, John
- Engler, Adolph
- Etting, Solomon
- Fahnestock, Derick
- Franke, Otto Hermann
- Friedenwald, Jonus
- Friedenwald, Joseph
- Friedenwald, Isaac
- Friedenwald, Moses
- Friedenwald, Aaron
- Friedenwald, Betsy
- Greeble, Charles
- Grill, John George
- Gross, Jacob, Jr.
- Gunther, Ludolph Wilhelm
- Haussner, William
- Heil, Albert Louis
- Hilken, Henry Gerhard
- Homer, Charles Christopher
- Künzel (Kuenzel), Kurt Paul
- Kurtz, Lewis
- Landsberg, William
- Lauber, John P.
- Leimbach, Gebhard
- List, John
- Ludwig, William
- Mayer, Charles Frederick
- Meese, William Henry
- Meyer, A.J. Ferdinand
- Miller, John Henry
- Müller, August
- Raum, John Joseph
- Rayner, William Solomon
- Rennert, Robert
- Riebling, Charles Alvin
- Rothschild, Moses
- Schellhase, Otto E.
- Schilling, George
- Schmeisser, Ernst
- Schmidt, Jr. , William
- Schoemaker, Samuel
- Schoenfeld, Henry
- Schulz, Alexander H.
- Schumacher, Albert
- Shriver, J. Alexander
- Siems, Leonard
- Steinmann, Adolf Gustav
- Strauss, Hiram
- Tjarks, John Gerhard
- von Kapff, Bernard
- von Kapff, Frederick
- von Lingen, George A.
- Wernig, Joseph
- Zimmerman, Louis Seymour

Butchers & Meatpackers

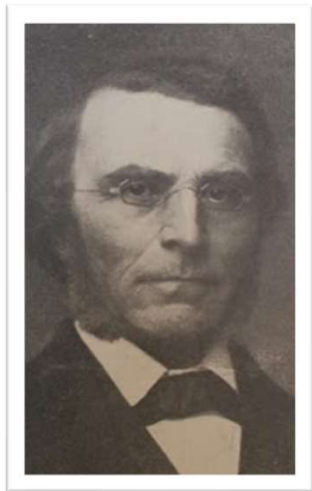
- Appel, Adam
- Binkert, Egon
- Blöcher John
- Blöcher, Henry
- Bodenbender, Conrad
- Gebelein, John A.
- Goetze, Albert, Sr.
- Goetze, Albert, Jr.
- Goetze, Robert
- Heinold, Andrew
- Hildebrandt, Charles
- Kaufman, Henry
- Kreil, Charles
- Kurdle, Thomas J.



- Manger, George
- Messersmith, Charles
- Raith's
- Riefle , Henry Ferdinand
- Riefle, Henry Francis
- Riefle, James Henry
- Ruppertsberger, Gustav
- Ruppertsberger, John
- Sellmayer, L.
- Shafer, Jacob Conrad
- Schluderberg, William
- Treuth, Johann
- Treuth, Charles W.
- Weaver, William
- Wetzbergers Bros.

Education and Religion

- **Rev. Henry Scheib**
- (7-8-1808 to 11-15-1897)
 - Born in Bacharach, Germany
 - Pastor of Zion Church
 - Founder of the Zion School, known as Scheib school-the first school of higher education in Baltimore (1835)



- **Francis W. Pramschufer**
- (8-9-1918 to 1-24-2001)
 - Born at Locust Point in Baltimore. His father's parents were German immigrants, coming from Westphalia in 1887.
 - He was a 1936 graduate of Polytechnic Institute and received an engineering degree from the University of Maryland at College Park.
 - Mr. Pramschufer was an educator.
 - He is considered the 'Founding Father' of the Maryland Oktoberfest and was the President for 20 years.
 - He belonged to many of Baltimore's German groups.
 - Mr. Pramschufer was the last president of the Deutches Haus, a longtime meeting place for German societies and immigrants until its closing in 1972.

The Educators and the Spiritual Advisors

- Bachmann, Marcus,
- Becker, Ernest J.
- Bregenzer, Otto
- Collitz, Herman
- Cunz, Dieter
- Dieffenbach, Ferdinand
- Ebeling, George W.
- Einhorn, David
- Englebert, Edward
- Evers, Fritz Otto
- Eyster, Charles M.
- Fankhanel, Herbert
- Faust, Albert
- Frambach, Jacob
- Froelicher, Hans, Jr.
- Froelicher, Hans Sr.
- Gritsch, Eric
- Haupt, Paul
- Hennighausen, Friedrich Phillip
- Heatwole, Timothy Oliver
- Hochheimer, Henry
- Hofmann, Julius
- Huber, Eduard
- Kelleher , Eva 'Maus'
- Kurrelmeyer, William
- Kurtz, Benjamin
- Kurtz, Johann Daniel
- Manrodt, David H.
- McClain, William H.
- Meyerstein, Michael
- Miegel, Charles Hermann
- Morris, John Gottlieb
- Mruck, Armin E.
- Nagengast, Henry
- Newcomer, Christian
- Ortman, Richard
- Otterbein, Philip William
- Otto, H.J. Siegfried
- Penner, Friedmann Heinrich
- Pohlman, August
- Pramschufer, Francis
- Raddatz, Charles F.
- Rice, Abraham Joseph
- Rolker, Edna
- Rosenau, William
- Scheib, Henry
- Schirokauer, Arno C.
- Schloegel, Charles
- Schmeissner, Volker Karl
- Schmucker, Samuel Davies
- Schneeberger, William
- Schneider, Theodor
- Schneidereith, Helene
- Schreiber, Peter Stanislaus
- Schultz, C.F. Emil
- Schwalenberg, Martin
- Schwartz, Andreas
- Seelos, Francis Xavier
- Simon, William
- Sittensberger, Mathias
- Steffens, Dietrich H.
- Steinmeyer, Ferdinand
- Sternat, Frederick Chas.
- Stiemke, A.L. Timothy
- Uhlhorn, Johann
- Veditz, George
- Veas, Henry
- Vogtmann, Ludwig
- Wagner, Hans Ludwig
- Wappler, Wilhelm
- Weber, Hans Karl
- Witmer Peter Augustus
- Zintl, Carrie (Kurrelmeyer)
- Zucker, Adolf

Where were the Spiritual Advisors? What about the Churches?

- At the **center of the early German community** in Maryland **was their church**. The church was the meeting place, not only to practice your faith, but to maintain your culture. The church was the center of many of our ancestors' social lives. Many of the early churches provided the immigrants with the service in their native tongue. As you will see many of these churches maintained a German service and later added English services. Estimates put early populations as one third Catholic and two thirds Protestant, primarily Lutheran and Reformed.

More than 100 churches began as German churches offering a German service

- 1894 According to J.G. Morris' 'The German in Baltimore', there are 32 places of worship that provide all instruction in German.
- In the first decade of the 1900s, 30 churches offered services in German.
- In 1929 there were 22 churches in and around Baltimore where the services were done wholly or in part, in German.



Zion Church of the City of Baltimore

- ...still has a German Service every Sunday
- Established in 1755 (before America was America)
- Maintains the German culture and heritage through regular services and special events.
- <http://www.zionbaltimore.org/>



Some VIPs in Government and of German Heritage

- **Susan Aumann**-House of Delegates 2002-2018-drafted the German/American Heritage month bill in 2010.
- **Judge John J. Dobler** (6-6-1852 to 9-21-1923) Charter Member of the Maryland State Bar Association 1896-1897
- **Governor Robert Ehrlich**-60th Governor of Maryland (2003-2007)
- **Governor William D. Schaefer**-58th Governor of Maryland (1987-1995); Mayor of Baltimore (1971-1987); Comptroller of Maryland (1999-2007)

Government & Politics

- Arp, Merl
- Aumann, Susan L.
- Aumann, R. Karl
- Bauernschmidt, Marie Oehl von Hattersheim
- Bickel, Harvey
- Bothe, Elsbeth (Levy)
- Budnitz, Emil
- Cohen, Jacob, Jr.
- Cohen, Mendes
- Denhard, Augustus
- Deupert, Adam
- Dobler, Gustavus
- Dobler, John J.
- Ehrlich, Robert
- Eisenhower, Joseph Francis
- Feldner, Frederick
- Frank, William
- Frick, James Swan
- Frick, John Conrad
- Frick, Peter
- Frick, William
- Frick, William Frederick
- Fusselbaugh, William H.B.
- Gans, Edgar Hilary
- Garmatz, Edward Alexander
- Gerstung, Robert J.
- Gontrum, John
- Grecht, William
- Hager, Jonathan
- Hannibal, John
- Hennighausen, Louis Paul
- Hennighausen, Percy Charles
- Heuisler, Joseph
- Heuisler, Charles William
- Hisky, Thomas Foley
- Hoblitzell, Fetter Schrier
- Hochheimer, Lewis
- Hoffman, David
- Hoffmann, Louis
- Homer, Charles Christopher
- Homer, Francis Theodore
- Hunckel, Otto
- Hunckel, Katherine 'Kate'
- Kaufman, Frank Albert
- Konig, George
- Kraus, Anthony Walter
- Kuenne, Herbert F.
- Kump, John C.
- Langhammer, John Frederick
- Lingenfelder, Henry
- Mayer, Brantz
- McKeldin, Theodore Roosevelt
- Mettee, Andrew Hartman
- Motz, J. Frederick
- Myers, Charles Henry
- Naas, John Henry
- Newcomer, John
- Nicolai, Charles Henry
- Requardt, J. Frederick
- Riehl, Charles Frederick
- Sauerwein, Edwin Allen
- Schaefer, William Donald
- Schley, John
- Schley, William
- Schley, William
- Schmucker, Samuel D.
- Schoenrich, Carl Otto
- Schoenrich, Otto
- Scholtz, Karl A.
- Schulz, Alfred J.
- Schweinhaut, Margaret
- Seidenstricker, John Barnhart
- Shriver, Alfred Jenkins
- Shriver, Thomas
- Shryock, Thomas Jacob
- Singley, Frederick
- Small, Jacob
- Spilman, Edwin A.
- Staum, John R.M.
- Stein, Charles Francis
- Steinmann, Karl F.
- Stump, Herman
- Thomas, John Wachter
- Frank Charles
- Wellington, George L.
- Welty, John
- Wiesenfeld, Bernard
- Witzenbacher, William Wolf, Henry
- Wolman, Jeanette

Manufacturing & Retail

- German Work Ethic, ingenuity and dedication
 - Manufacturing from brushes (Wilkins), tin (Matthai), pianos (Knabe); pickels (Lang), furniture (Potthast), umbrellas (Beehler), stoves (Weiskittle)...really A to Z, Germans and those of German descent played a huge part in building the city and state.
 - Retail-Hutzler, Gutman, Hecht, and many more.
 - Our largest profile category with **119**
- Some are still working
 - G. Krug & Son-Ironwork still in business in Baltimore
 - <https://www.gkrugandson.com>



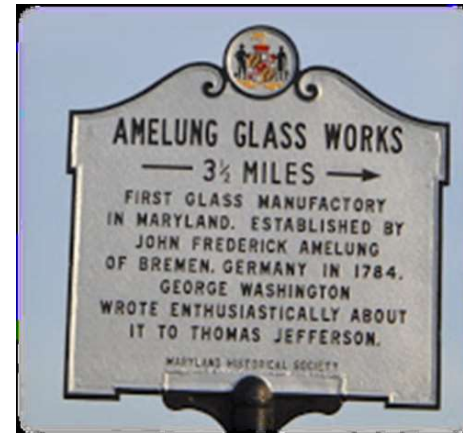
German Manufacturing-A few firsts

- Did you know.....that the inventor of 'Old Bay' seasoning was German?



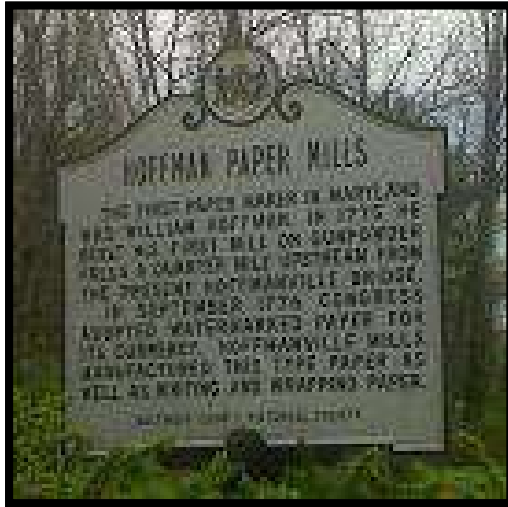
- **Gustav Brunn (1893-1985)**
 - Immigrated to Baltimore in 1939 with his wife and two children. It is said he immigrated after being released from Buchenwald, a concentration camp in Germany.
 - Sold to McCormick in 1990

- Did you know.....the **FIRST Glass Factory** was built & operated by Germans



- **John Frederick Amelung (to 11-21-1796)**
 - In 1784 John Frederick Amelung came from Bremen with a colony of 300-400 persons, among whom were bakers, blacksmiths, doctors, shoemakers, tailors, etc., and settled on Bennett's Creek near the Monocacy, in what is now the Urbana district of Frederick County.

More Firsts in Manufacturing



- Did you know....the first paper mill in Maryland was owned by a German and he printed the first paper money in the U.S.
- William H. Hoffman & Sons, State's first Paper Mill. He and his son, William H. Hoffman (1810 to 9-30-1886)
- William and Susanna Hoffman, came to America from Germany (Frankfort) in 1765, landed in Philadelphia.
- Learned the paper trade in German
- **Nearly all, if not all, the paper on which the Continental money was printed was made by Mr. Hoffman in that mill. Mr. Hoffman acquired a good deal of land there.**

One more.....

- Maryland's first sugar refinery....
- Established by Germans Gartz (Garts) and Leypold on Peace alley on the east side of Hanover street between Conway and Camden in 1796.....near today's Camden Yard.



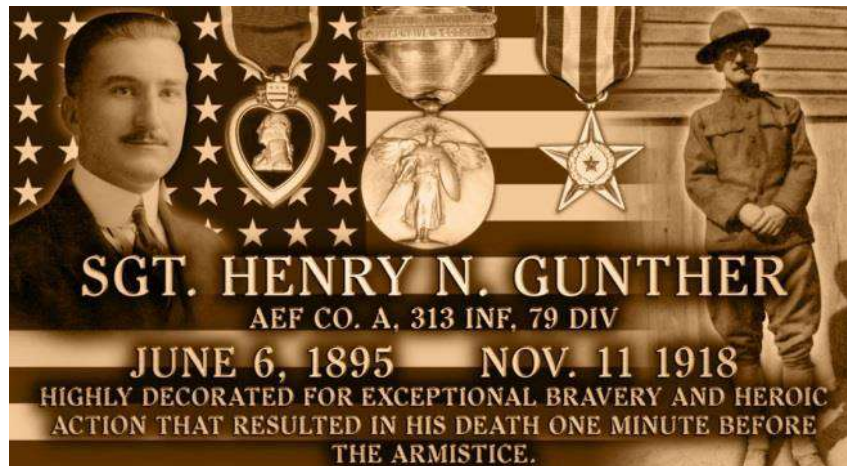
*Not the Gartz plant, but
Domino Sugar Refinery
continues to operate in Baltimore.*

Military

- Artz, David
- Bauernschmidt, George W. (Rear Admiral (3-26-1899 to 4-18-1998)
- Beltzhoover, Daniel
- Bennaman, John Henry
- Bennaman, John Simpson
- Benneman, Howard L.
- Bittner, Thomas
- Blumenberg, Leopold
- Dyer, Leon
- Goetze, Albert, Jr.
- Grosch, Michael
- Gruel, Harry- WWII Bronze Star Recipient (12-19-1922 to 4-15-2006)
- **Gunther, Herny**
- Hadel, William Allen
- Hoffman, Richard Curzon
- Kaufman, George
- Klein, Robert Charles
- **Lightner, Henry**-(1798 to 1-24-1883) Drummer boy at Ft. McHenry, War of 1812)
- Mayer, Brantz
- Miltenberger, Anthony F.W.
- Prechtel, George
- Rau, John
- Ritter, Elias
- Roehle, Clifton E.
- Schley, Winfield Scott-Naval Officer, multiple wars and the 'Greely Rescue'
- **Schroeder, Leonard**- Commander of the first landing boat to touch the Normandy beach on June 5, 1944.
- Shryock, George
- Shryock, Thomas
- Shutt, Augustus P.
- Shutt, Augustus L.
- Stephan, Martin H.
- Stricker, George
- **Stricker, John**-He was in command of the American forces at the Battle of North Point on September 10-12, 1814.
- Thompson, John
- Torsch, John
- Wiedorfer, Paul J.
- Wilhelm, Henry

Did you know...that the last soldier to die in WWI was a German Marylander?

June 5, 1895 to November 11, 1918



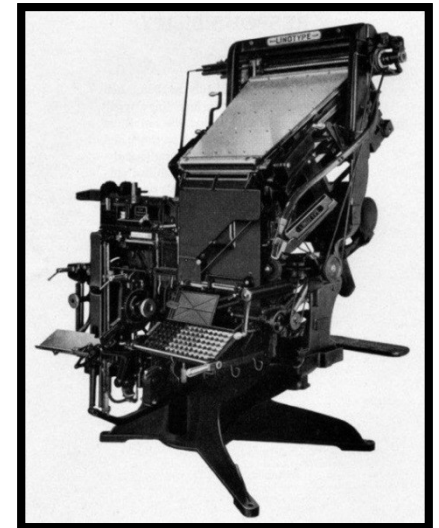
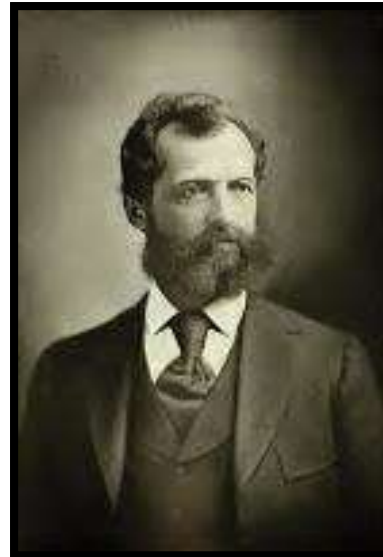
- 11-11-1918 10:59 am
- Look for Memorial services done every year at the place of Henry's burial, Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Printers & Publishing

- Gruber, Johann
- Hanzsche, John Godfrey
- Hasselbach, Nicholas-In 1765 Hasselbach moved to Baltimore, and Baltimore-Town had its first press.
- Hoen, Ernest
- Hoen, Frank Nixdorff
- Leyh, Edward F.
- Mergenthaler, Ottmar
- Munder, Norman T.A.
- Polmyer, Frederick
- Pruess, John F.
- Raine, Edward
- Raine, Frederick-In 1841 he established and began printing 'Der Deutsche Correspondent'.
- Schnauffer, Karl Heinrich
- Schnauffer, William
- Schneidereith, Carl William
- Trappe, August Frederick
- Weber, Frederick Clement
- Weis, Louis Theodore

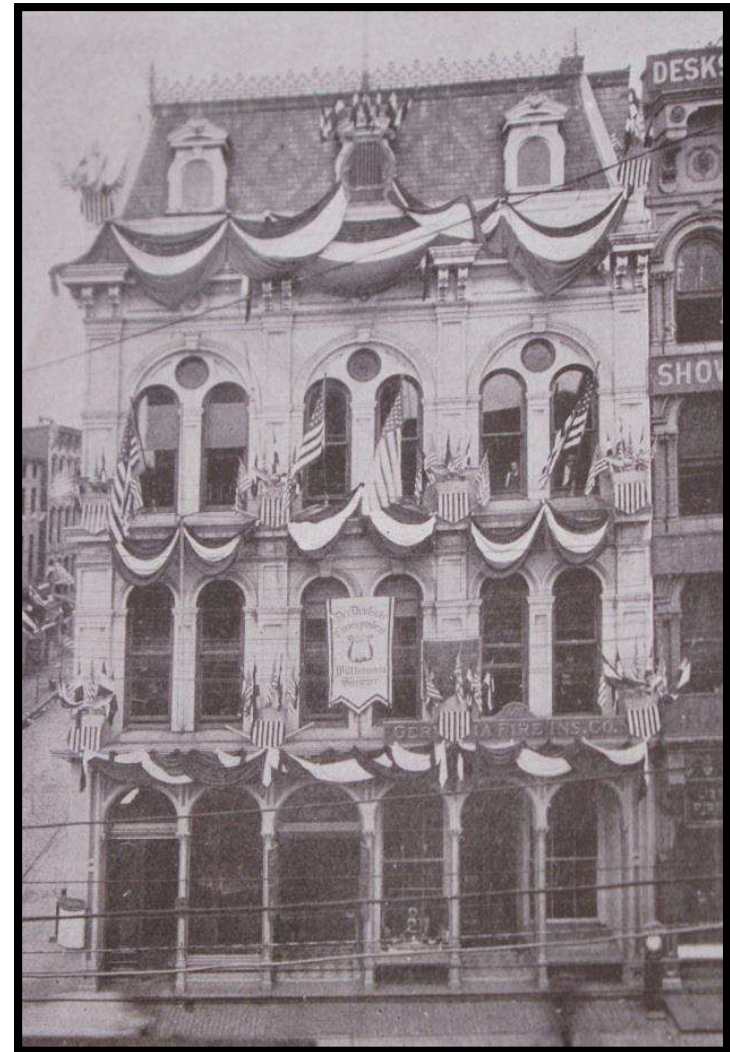
The Linotype

- Did you know....the printing industry was revolutionized due to a German living in Baltimore?
- **Ottmar Mergenthaler**
(5-11-1854 to 10-28-1899)
- Born in Hohenacker, Württemberg, Germany.
- Inventor of the Linotype machine (1884)



Did you know...there were several German newspapers

- One of the most influential was 'Deutsche Correspondent
- Digitized and great genealogical resource
 - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- 'Frederick Raine
 - Daily 1847-1918
 - Weekly 1841-1843
 - Tri-Weekly 1843-1844
 - Daily 1844
 - Tri-Weekly 1844-1847
- As Baltimore Correspondent
 - Weekly 1919
 - Semi weekly 1920-1935



Science and Medicine

- Arnold Abram B.
- Becker Herman
- Bloede Victor Gustav
- Brack Charles Emil
- Bressler Frank C.
- Brödel, Max – Medical Illustrator
- Budeker, William
- Deetjen, Christian - xRays
- Didusch, James – Medical Illustrator
- Didusch, William Peter
- Dieke, Gerhard
- Elsasser, Walter Maurice
- Erich, Augustus F. - Gynecology
- Frank, Samuel Leon – Diseases of the Ear
- Frick, Charles
- Friedenwald, Julius- Gastroenterology
- Hadel, Albert Kimberly
- Hadel, John Frederick –Secretary of Health
- Hammer, Milton Elmer
- Heatwole, Timothy - Dentistry
- Hemmeter, John Conrad – Diseases of the Stomach
- Herman, Augustine - Cartographer
- Hoffmeister, Edward- Dentistry
- Homer, Henry Louis
- Kanner, Leo - Psychiatry
- Lederer, John - Explorer
- Listfeldt , Hans Gunther
- Losemann, Heinrich - Anesthesiology
- Mathieu, C. Ferdinand
- Mattfeldt, Charles
- Mayer, Alfred Marshall- Physics & Chemistry
- Meyer, Charles H.A.
- Meyer , Adolf - Psychiatry
- Miller, William Ernst- General Practice
- Miltenberger, George W. – Anatomy; **First President of the Medical Society of Maryland.**
- Ohle, Henry Charles
- Reuling, George - Ophthalmologist
- Richter, Curt - Psychology
- Roehl, Charles - Pharmaceuticals
- Ruhräh, John
- Sadtler, Charles
- Steiner, Lewis H.
- Vogeler, August
- Vogeler, Charles
- von Kuell, Joseph
- Wiesenthal, Charles Frederick
- Zassenhaus, Dr. Hiltgunt – Blue Baby Research
- Zeller, Henry

Sports

- Did you know....that the 'Sultan of Swat' was 2nd Generation German?
- Herman 'Babe' Ruth (2-6-1895 to 8-16-1948)
- Born in Baltimore on West Camden Street to German parents...one of eight children.
- Father operated a bar/tavern (said to be around 'centerfield of the now Camden Yards').
- George was a trouble magnet and was sent to St. Mary's Industrial (Reform) school where he spent 12 years...this is where he learned to play ball.
- **'Sultan of Swat'**
 - Retired in 1935, Single season record for home runs 60 (surpassed by R. Maris in 61 at 61);
 - Career Home Runs 714, held until 74 when surpassed by H. Aaron.
 - Jersey #3 retired in 1948.



Sports

Did you know....the first ballpark in Baltimore was built by a German

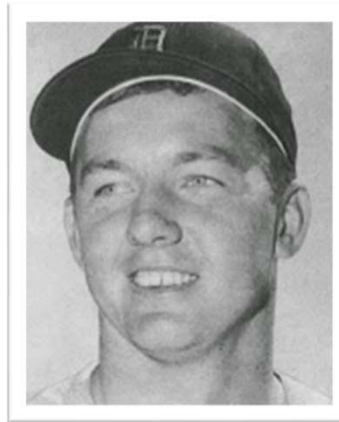
- 1891-built by brewer, Henry 'Harry' von der Horst
- First to have lettered rows, numbered seats (prior was all open seating)
- Double decker stands
- Built by the Von der Horsts (at that time, owner of the Orioles of the American Association)
- Called 'Union Park' and located on Barclay Street



“Well, we don’t win many baseball games, but we sell lots of beer.”

Other Athletes

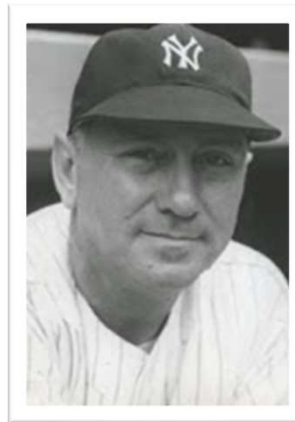
- Foutz, Dave Luther
- Hadel, Samuel 'Willie'
- Herzog, Charles 'Buck'
- Kaline, Albert William
- Keister, William Hoffman
- Maisel, Frederick 'Fritz'
- Maisel, George
- Munder, John C.
- Neun, John Henry
- Ripken, Calvin Edwin Jr.
- Ruth, George Herman
- Schmidt, Charles 'Butch'
- Schoenlein, August 'Gus'
- von der Horst, Henry R.



Kaline, Albert William



Keister, William Hoffman



Neun, John Henry



Schoenlein, August 'Gus'

We also have an 'Everyday' Folks Section- Send me the story about your German Roots

- Cook, Anthony
- Dolle, George
- Eckels, Louis
- Foertschbeck, John Jr.
- Fritchie, Barbara (Hauer)
- Garmer, John
- Garmer, John Henry Sr.
- Garmer, W.H.
- Gessert, Waltraut Johanna
- Gessert, Friedrich 'Fritz'
- Grabenstein, Justus
- Gruber, Martin
- Gruber, Johannes
- Gruber, Hans Jacob
- Hafer, George
- Henning, Brigitte
- Hofstetter, Lawrence
- Imwold, John A.
- Juergensen, Werner
- Juergensen, Irene
- Kirschenhofer, George
- Leinemann, Manfred 'Fred'
- Lüdtke, Paul August
- Modro, Rosa
- Nicodemus, John
- Reich, Conrad
- Rhinhardt, Henry J.
- Riedel, Frederick
- Roth, John Christian
- Sack, George
- Sander, August
- Schneeberger, Louis
- Seabrease, Harry
- Sheppard, Benjamin 'Bob'
- [Stegmueller, Theodore Heinrich](#)
- Swartz, John Duval
- Zeller, Alfred Andreas

Just a few more firsts

Did you know the first college in Carroll County was founded by a German Couple ? **Ferdinand and Marie Dieffenbach**

- **The ‘Independent Academy’/’Irving College’**
- The Academy was founded by Ferdinand Dieffenbach in 1853.
- Located in Manchester, Maryland.
- Mr. Dieffenbach was a refugee of the 1848 Revolution in Germany.
- Dieffenbach changed the name of his school to **Irving College in 1858** in honor of the famous American author, Washington Irving.
- Incorporated by the Legislature on February 1, 1858.
- Dieffenbach’s wife established a school for girls in 1858. It was called the ‘Manchester Female Academy’.
- The scholars from Pennsylvania, Maryland and across the South including Texas.
- In addition to Greek, Latin, English grammar and foreign languages, the curriculum included mathematics and science plus quite a bit of military training.
- Dieffenbach, the President, spoke 7 different languages.
- By 1860 the two schools (one for boys and one for girls) were large enough to require six instructors including one listed as a military inspector.
- “A sound mind in a sound body” was the College motto.



First Catholic Women's College

- Speaking of Colleges... Did you know...the first Catholic Women's College is right here in Baltimore?
- Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, which had come here from Germany
Notre Dame College



What about the (Public) Schools in Baltimore

- By 1875 four English German schools had been established and were in regular session. The following information was taken from a 1876 catalog of schools and universities:
 - *English German School, No. 1*, Biddle Street, near Fremont.-9 Teachers. 575 Scholars.
 - *English German School, No. 2*, 174 Hamburg Street. -12 Teachers. 558 Scholars.
 - *English German School, No. 3*, Trinity Street, near Exeter.-15 Teachers. 615 Scholars.
 - *English German School, No. 4*, Aisquith Street, near Fayette.-4 Teachers. 67 Scholars.
 - *English German School Number 5 (1876)* Fremont Street near Lombard

Some School Stats

- In 1880, there were still only five schools with total enrollment of 3440 pupils.
 - In 1883 the enrollment was 3869 and school Number 2 was given a new building at the corner of Charles and Ostend Streets.
 - In 1885 enrollment had risen to 4616.
 - In 1888 and 1889 enrollment grew to 5030.
 - In 1893 enrollment was at 5439.
 - In 1897 this number rose to 6780
 - In 1899 it was 6931.
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- **Today, we are fighting to keep the German language in our schools as a Major and a Minor.**

What else.....so much more!

- There are more things to discover on the website.
 - Entertainment Facilities
 - Festivals (History of the German Festival)
 - Orphanages (Listings from the Baltimore Census Records)
 - German Aged Home
 - Genealogy help
 - Street Name Changes
 - Immigration
 - German speaking Military Battalions/Platoons
 - Singing Societies (More firsts: There were many. On the 13th of March 1837, Baltimore visited Philadelphia and on the 28th of March the Männerchor made a return visit to Baltimore. These engagements are regarded as the first 'Sängerfeste' in the musical history of the United States. The New York Liederkranz accepted the ladies of Zionskirche in Baltimore as members in 1838, one of the first mixed groups.)
 - Cemeteries (Large German Populations)-We have over 16,000 images to help with 'Findng your Roots'
 - Family Name changes
 - Where to find German goods, etc.
 - Calendar of Events



Visit: www.GermaMarylanders.org

Out of time.....

I wish we had more...I could do this all day.

Be proud share and honor your heritage

