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FROM Reminiscences of the Last Sixty-Five Years, Commencing with the Battle of Lexington, also Sketches of his own Life and Times, E. S. Thomas, pp. 92-102--LAST OF THE SERIES

Crossing over to Newport, about five o'clock, P. M., we went to Gen. Taylor's, where we found a large party assembled, and a most elegant and sumptuous repast, teeming with all the substantial and luxuries of the feast, served up for our reception and welcome. The General's residence is truly an elegant one; placed on a beautiful and commanding site, and set off with ornamental grounds, in a manner creditable to the taste of the proprietor. Here we have passed upwards of an hour, enjoying the social as well as the festive banquet; the General, his son, and son-in-law, lavishing on us their hospitable attentions, and the whole company contributing to the flow of soul. Just previous to returning, General Hayne, in response to a complimentary sentiment, made a brief but warm and



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eloquent acknowledgment on behalf of himself and his party, of the generous hospitalities of the cities of Covington and Newport.

We then re-crossed the Ohio, and between six and seven o'clock, P. M. , proceeded to the house of E. S. Thomas, one of the veterans and patriarchs of the American press, formerly editor of the Charleston City Gazette, but now of the Cincinnati Evening Post. Here again we encountered the perils of a liberally dispensed hospitality; our host, his son, Mr. F. W. Thomas, favorably known to literature as the author of "Clinton Bradshaw," and "East and West," and his fair and agreeable daughters, uniting, in courteous attention to their guests, and contributing, by

kindness and social converse, to wing with pleasure the flight of time.

The old gentleman seemed literally to overflow with delight, and grew young again in the reminiscences of former days; and, by the way, a highly interesting series of these reminiscences has already been given to the world through the columns of his paper, and he has hoards of equal richness to produce from his well stored and retentive memory. He was personally acquainted with the distinguished head of our party, and with the fathers of others of us he had held friendly intercourse in by-gone days.

To Charleston, and his residence there, he recurs with marked fondness--they are green in his recollection, and entwined with his affections--and his daughters, too, share the paternal feeling, and claim with pride, Charleston as their birth-place, although removal in early childhood has left on their memory scarcely a single trace of the queen city of the South; and his sons, too, own the kindly infection. The next day, the warm hearted old gentleman gave us, at parting, a letter of introduction to another son, who edits the Daily Herald in Louisville concluding with this characteristic injunction, which was finely obeyed, "they are your father's friends, treat them accordingly." He is quite an enthusiast on the subject of the great Railroad, and claims its paternity, on the ground of having been the first to conceive the project of commercial connection between the queen cities of the South and West.

About eight o'clock, P. M., our "last, not least" visit was paid to Dr. Daniel Drake, a distinguished physician and influential citizen of Cincinnati, at whose house we were again hospitably entertained, and treated with the feast of reason and flow of soul. Here a large number of citizens, comprising much of the worth and intelligence of the place, was assembled to receive us. In the assemblage was Judge McLean of the Supreme Court of the United States, in form a noble model of our species, and possessed of a fine address and suavity of manner, and Judge Hall, formerly the celebrated editor of the Western Review, and author of "Letters from the West, and Western Sketches," and numerous other literary and distinguished men...

The people of Cincinnati, so far as we could judge from our association with them, are as enthusiastic in favor of the Railroad, as those of Lexington. The Queen of the West

invited the Queen of the South to the alliance of friendship and interest--and the former stands ready to redeem the pledge implied in her invitation, whenever Kentucky will do her part towards the noble enterprise, which courts her co-operation, and thereby enable Cincinnati to prove her sincerity.

We all regretted that our engagements and obligations denied us the power of passing but a day in so fine a city and with such a kindly people--but it was with us "either one day or none," and we cheerfully encountered the fatigue of travel to obtain a sight of the Queen City of the West, and enjoy the pleasures of a single day, in her hospitable bosom. And amply were we compensated, by both pleasure and people--and on our departure we carried with us the deepest and most lively impressions of kindness bestowed by a stranger people, and left behind us our most heart-felt wishes for their continued prosperity and happiness.

I cannot close this letter without expressing my deep sense of attentions received from my brethren of the press in every quarter--among whom, were Mr. McKee, of the Lexington Observer, Mr. Bryant, of the Lexington Intelligencer, Mr. E. S. Thomas of the Cincinnati Evening Post, Mr. Conover, of the Cincinnati Whig, who formerly edited a paper in the interior of South Carolina, and Mr. Thomas, of the Louisville Daily Herald.

(Letter written by Richard Yeudon Jr.)

Query - - Family Bible

Joyce M. Reidlin, RD 3, Box 150, Stewartstown, PA 17363 (September 7, 1982) would like to know the "whereabouts of an old Martin Family Bible, that was accidentally sold to the Horn Bookstore in Covington back in the '40's. The cover is made with wood slats & covered with leather. On the front cover (it) has hand etchings done by my Great Grand Father Abiel A. Martin."

Query - - Relatives

Mr. R. F. Bumpus, 2602 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 43607 would like information on Sanford Bumpus and wife Jennie Elizabeth Barnhill.

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The present year-long German-American Tricentennial Jubilee commemorates the arrival of the first German immigrants in Philadelphia on October 13, 1683 and their subsequent settlement in Germantown, Pennsylvania. On January 21, 1983 the celebration was inaugurated in Cincinnati at the Cincinnati Historical Society when Dr. John Sinnema of Baldwin-Wallace College read his paper on German Methodism in the United States. The movement peaked in strength in the early 1800's; in 1844 the Methodist Conference promoted missionary work in Europe as well as the German centers of the American West including Northern Kentucky. Cincinnati's Louis Nippert's ancestor, after returning from missionary efforts in Europe, eventually became Pastor of a Methodist church in Newport, Ky.

Subsequent to this lecture there will be many more cultural activities including the following:*

- 1) Wednesday film series at the University of Cincinnati
- 2) Two Sunday slide/lectures
 - a) Sunday, February 20, at the Cincinnati Art Museum--
"Cincinnati Artists & Germany"
and "Cincinnati's German Heritage"
 - b) Sunday, February 27, at Xavier University--"Bauhaus in the USA"
and "Urban Planning"
- 3) April 15-May 14, at the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library--
German Book Fair
- 4) Friday, April 22, 9-12:00 AM and 2-5:00 PM, at University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky--Foreign Language Conference Special Session, "German and American: Cultural and Literary Interrelationship 1683-1983"
- 5) May 24-27, at The Movies--Film Festival, "German Images in US Movies"
- 6) September 16-October 14, at Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library--
"German-American Metal Crafts"

*Taken from Jubilee 1983 Calendar of Events; call (513) 475-2583 for details

Notice - - Civil War Lecture

On Tues., March 1, 7:30 P. M. at the Kenton County Public Library, 5th and Scott Streets, Covington, Dr. Daniel Beattie from Thomas More College will speak on the Civil War in Northern Ky

Hear Ye Hear Ye

The United States Government has just released a document kept secret from the American Public for seventy years! At last, the 1910 Census is available. The key to the Census is the Index now ready for sale at the price of \$17.50 per reel (of microfilm). Help the Kenton County Public Library acquire the Index. Make your contribution today for one or more reels (tax deductible)

Notice - - Architectural History Lecture

On Tues., April 5, at 7:30 P. M., at the Kenton County Public Library, Mr. Walter Langsam is scheduled to speak on the architectural history of downtown Covington

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Books, Pamphlets, Photos, Cards for Sale from the Kenton County Historical Society (contact the Treasurer):

Gentlemen Farmers to City Folks,
Gastright(\$2.50)

Westside Covington Walking Tour,
Boh/Boehmker(\$2.50)

Kenton County Cemetery Book
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Beginning at the Point, Smith
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Notecards--8 Cards and envelopes
.(\$2.50)

Photographs(\$3.00)

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Congratulations ! ! !

Notice - - German Heritage Lecture

The Kenton County Historical Society would like to congratulate one of its members (who wishes to remain anonymous) for a very generous donation toward the purchase of Census Index reels.

On Tuesday, May 3, at the Kenton County Public Library, Mr. Ed Harris from the U. C. German Department is scheduled to give a slide/lecture presentation on the local German cultural heritage.

Genealogy Workshop - - Anyone? ?

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Pat Wolcott, who is familiar to many local genealogists and to members of the Historical Society, has agreed to hold a combination Morning and Afternoon workshop on one of these two Saturdays: April 30th or May 21st. The workshop probably would be held at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library and would be open only to members (and new members). In order to determine interest as quickly as possible please write or call today. The deadline will be March 15. Call John Boh (491-0490) or one of the other officers or use the blank below. If we do not get enough response at this time, the workshop will not be held at this time. Please select one of the above dates.

Annual Meeting - - Officers for '83

At the Annual Meeting of the Kenton County Historical Society last September the following candidates were elected:

John Boh (President) who is employed by the City of Covington; Damian Hils (vice-President) who is a history student at Thomas More College; Dorothy Spence (Secretary) who is a retired school librarian; Elizabeth Chavez (Treasurer) who is a teacher; Dorothy Wieck (Director) who is a Retired Senior Citizen Volunteer at the Library; and Paul Tenkotte (Director) who is a Graduate Student in History at U. C. Dr. Joseph Gastright (Director), who was elected last year, is a school administrator.

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- Business, Inst. Prof.----- \$15.00
- Sustaining-----\$50.00
- Lifetime-----\$100.00

Note: Membership dues and donations are tax deductible. And for a two year payment, you can get the Westside Walking Tour booklet or the book From Gentlemen Farmers to City Folks free of charge.

NAME: Miss, Mrs., Mr., or Ms. _____
 Street Address _____
 City or Town _____
 State _____ County _____
 Phone _____ Payment enclosed _____

Make check payable to the Kenton County Historical Society c/o the Treasurer P. O. Box 641, Covington, Ky 41012. Thanks.