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

Dr. George Engelmann. "Das Klima der Mississippigegenden, Insbesondere Der Gegend von St. Louis." Excerpt from *Das Westland*, volume I (1837) page 50-60. An account written by George Engelmann of climatic conditions in St. Louis from 1833-1836. Signed "E". (15 pages)

Georg Engelmann. "Die Deutsche Niederlassung in Illinois: fünf Meilen östlich von Belleville: Mit einer Öarte." A brief history of the development to 1935 of the German rural settlement of "Latin farmers" near Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois. Excerpted from *Das Westland*, volume I (1837), pages 281-311 (39 pages).

"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*, volume I (1837), pages 97-112 (22 pages, partially translated).

Gustav Koerner. "Skizze einer Reise im Nördlichen Illinois." A description of a tour into Northern Illinois. Signed "G.K." Excerpt from *Das Westland*, volume I, pages 91-96 (7 pages).

"Steigen der Preise in St. Louis." Excerpt from *Das Westland*, volume I, pp. 252-254, dealing with inflation in St. Louis in 1836 (3 pages).

Travel Writings and Book Reviews

Duden Gottfried. "Vorrede sur Zweite Auflage" (Gericht, über eine Reise nach den westlichen Staaten Nordamerikas und einen mehrjährigen Aufenthalt am Missouri [in den Jahren 1824, 1825, 1826 und 1827], in Bezug auf Auswanderung und ueber dessen Bedeutung fur die hausliche und politische Lage du Europäer.) (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 Unpublished MSS preface to second edition.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, volume IX, page 96.) (44 pages, translation 37 pages)

Gustav Koerner. *Beleuchtung des Dudenschen Berichtes uber die Westlichen Staaten Nord Amerika's von Amerika aus* (1834). In 1834 Koerner wrote "Review of Duden's Report Concerning the Western States of North America," published by his brother Charles in Germany. Koerner discusses geography, population, fauna, insects, and diseases, cultural opportunities, the political situation, especially regarding the moral problem of slavery, and the problem of Americanization in the life of the German emigrant (62 pages, translation 55 pages [1 page missing], plus notes).

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 pages).

Correspondence

Adam Klinger to Jacob Herin, Haines Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania. May 12, 1822.

Contains food prices and agriculture (3 pages photocopies and 3 pages transcripts and English translation).

Letter in German from Belleville. Unknown author. June [?], 1836. Handwritten transcript.

Letter is describing 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 pages, partially translated).

Benjamin Epley, Rockview, Stephenson County, Illinois, to Hanna Xonders, Spring-Mills P.O., Centre County, Pennsylvania. September 19, 1846.

Letter is describing land prices and availability in Illinois and family news (4 pages photocopies and 5 pages transcripts and translations).