

man language, probably a production of Hasselbach's, has survived;<sup>87</sup> and Henry Dulheuer, on June 13, 1786, appears to have begun publication of a German newspaper.<sup>88</sup> But it remained for Samuel Sower (or Saur, as he spelled it on his German imprints) to print the first German publications in Baltimore which are still extant today in considerable number.

Samuel Sower belonged to the third generation of the Germantown, Pennsylvania, Sower family, famous in the annals of Pennsylvania printing. The family in America was founded by Christopher Sower (1694-1758) who established a press in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1738.<sup>89</sup> This first Christopher Sower desired on his death bed that the printing business might never go out of the family of his descendants, but that one or the other of the lineage should acquire and practice the art.<sup>90</sup> This wish was carried out through at least three of the succeeding generations.

Samuel Sower was the tenth son of the second Christopher Sower (1721-1784) and his wife, the former Catherine Sharpnack.<sup>91</sup> The printing business of Chris-

87 Wroth, L.C. A history of printing in colonial Maryland. p. 113, and Maryland imprints of the colonial period, item 287.

88 Wheeler. op. cit. p. 71.

89 McCulloch, William. Additions to Thomas's History of printing. p. 144.

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91 Sower, C.G. Genealogical chart of the descendants of Christopher Sower.