

many other articles in his line of profession.
 -- Enquire at this office.

Sower did not "decline the printing business" in 1799, although it is true that the number of books published by him decreased markedly after that date. Two other printers disappeared from the Baltimore scene about this date, Enoch Story and Michael Duffey, but there is no evidence that they printed in German, and it is likely that their printing offices were not nearly so well equipped as this one, offered for sale. The instruction to "Enquire at this office" (the office of the Telegraphe) indicates that a local printer was advertising. In all probability it was Sower, and the printing apparatus was to be sold to give more time to the type-founding business.

Sower's grandfather and father, among their other accomplishments, were typefounders, and Samuel Sower was also adept at this art.¹⁰⁸ Evans believes that the cut of Hermes, appearing in the heading of Der Neue Unpartheyische Baltimore Bote for 1796, is perhaps Sower's first effort at typefounding.¹⁰⁹ At any rate, Sower's elder brother, Christopher Sower III, came to Baltimore from Erockville in the Province of New Brunswick, where he had lived since 1784 in conse-

108 McCulloch, William. op. cit. p. 146, 150.

109 Evans, Charles. American bibliography. v. 10, item 29140.