

But in a letter he is said to have spoken of his daughter's filial conduct towards him and his undiminished love for his wife.<sup>122</sup> He died on October 12, 1820; his funeral was held from the home of John H. Ewaldt on the Reister Town Road, Baltimore,<sup>123</sup> where he probably died, for he had apparently been estranged from his family because of his daughter's marriage.

Considerable research has, prior to this time, been done on Samuel Sower. He was a member of a famous printing family. He was very nearly a first printer - and certainly the first printer about whom many details are known - in the annals of the German press of Baltimore, as well as a famous early American type founder. Many of the books and pamphlets from his press may be found today in American libraries, and complete - or nearly complete - collections of his almanacs have been made, notably at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. There are a few gaps in the chronicle of his work, caused mostly by the absence of nearly every issue of his newspaper.

During Sower's printing career in Baltimore, there was German printing in Western Maryland. Matthias Bartgis continued his German and English work in Frederick; and at almost the same time that Sower estab-

<sup>122</sup> Ibid. p. 17.

<sup>123</sup> Federal gazette. October 13, 1820.