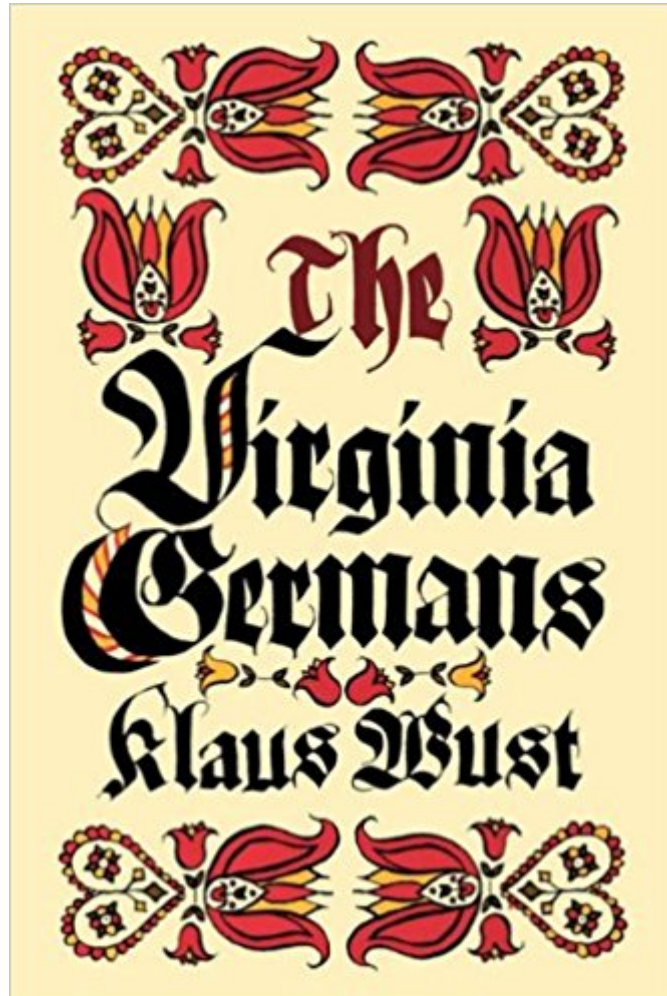




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This first comprehensive study of German settlement and integration in Virginia from 1608 until World War I proves to be a significant and colorful chapter in the state's history.

This is a rather unique book that was clearly a labor of love for Klaus Wust. I recommend anyone with a German heritage read this book to gain insight into the cultural, religious and work ethic backgrounds of this hearty stock of settlers. While much of the reading is detailed and takes concentration, there are also many other high level concepts explored that are relevant today (such as immigrants rights). Excellent historical reading.

Had a copy of this previously. I must have let someone borrow it and it was not returned. Wanted it for reference and to follow our travels from Pennsylvania to Southwest Virginia. Then our family settled in Wythe County with our moving to Roanoke, Va. A good book to have if you have this ancestry.

This is a great foundational work on the beginnings of the German element in Virginia. Sections cover the beginnings in the early 1600s and follow through to WWI. Most of the focus is on pre 1850

German settlements but also included is a chapter on the Civil War. If you can find it, get it!

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I bought this book when my wife and I visited the Mennonite culture center in Lancaster County, Pa., in Jan. 1992. I've rarely enjoyed a book more, primarily because I was able to read it in very general information about the roots of part of my family, colonial era German-Americans living near present-day Bristol, Va.-Tenn. who migrated over the Appalachians into Harlan County, Ky., around 1800. Wust describes the migration of the Germans down the Shenandoah Valley, settling the Allegheny side and leaving as remnants 3 isolated Va. German-speaking villages (non-Mennonite) even today. We did not visit those villages, but according to a Mennonite harness-maker in Dayton, Va., two of them still existed at that time. This is not something that you can learn about from official tourist info centers. Many of the German family names mentioned by Wust still exist in E. Ky., often in Anglicized form (Stambach=Stumbo or Stambaugh, Diehl=Deal, Joachim=Yoakim, etc). Written for hillbillies (and others) in search of their roots.

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