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Madison, Wisconsin, July 30, 2002 –The Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies is pleased to announce the release of the second English edition of the *Dictionary of German Names*, originally written by Hans Bahlow and translated and significantly revised by Edda Gentry.

The *Dictionary of German Names* serves as a detailed English-language reference for more than 15,000 German family names, including variant spellings as well as the meanings and origins of each name. It will be an essential compendium for those undertaking serious genealogical research and of considerable interest as well to the merely curious. Some entries will provoke a chuckle, other a bit of embarrassment, still others a sense of wonder and even pride.

Dr. Helmut Schmahl, professor at the Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz, Germany, says that the book is a boon for American genealogists trying to track down their Germany roots. “The *Dictionary of German Names* is a classic for anyone interested in their German ancestry and is the best one-volume lexicon on German names available in either German or English today,” he says. “I think that it will prove to be an especially invaluable tool for North Americans trying to determine what part of Germany their ancestors came from.”

Fran Luebke, former assistant director of the Institute for World Affairs and an avid genealogist, agrees. “I found the *Dictionary of German Names* by Hans Bahlow to be an invaluable resource in researching my German family history,” she says. “It helped me thread the maze of names with

variant spellings and provided excellent background information on their origin and meanings. Once only available in larger libraries, now I can have my personal copy just an arm's reach away."

The *Dictionary of German Names* is distributed by University of Wisconsin Press and is available in hardcover for \$39.95 and in paperback for \$24.95.