Germany and Austria enabled him and the project he was concerned with to become outstanding in that field.

In 1833, the second year of the school's existence, the Gospel of St. Mark was printed in raised letters. This was the first book to be printed in the United States for the use of the blind. Later this was followed by two small books, *The Early Days of Washington* and the *Declaration of Independence*. They were printed in embossed Roman capital letters for the special use of the blind. The printing of books, and by 1837, the printing of music for the blind was just one of the many innovations attributed to Friedlander.

This small book is not a eulogy. It is an attempt to bring together the unadorned facts in the work and life of a man who did much to establish a sound basis for teaching the blind in America. He died on March 8, 1839, at the age of 36. In seven years, he accomplished a full lifetime of work having undiminished importance.

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*Records of the House of Representatives: Preliminary Inventories.*  

These volumes will be of invaluable aid to scholars interested in the development of the House of Representatives, and are the means whereby a vast body of raw source materials can be utilized by the historian, political scientist and biographer.

This preliminary guide, however, lists only the unprocessed records which were transferred to the custody of the National Archives in 1946—a process of transferral which is still continuing as succeeding Congresses pass into history. The records of each Congress from the First until the Seventy-ninth are inventoried in these volumes. The records the National Archives holds for each House of Representatives are described, but this is only a listing of what has been placed in the national repository. No effort was made during the preparation of this inventory to cull unimportant or non-essential material from the files, nor was any attempt made
to perfect the arrangement of them. When this has been accomplished, a revision of this inventory will appear which will be the final guide to the records of the House of Representatives.

The Preliminary Inventories contain an introduction which is a short history of how the House records have been kept and how and why they were transferred to the custody of the National Archives. There are also five appendices which comprise a glossary of useful terms, a list of the standing committees of the House of Representatives, the names of the Speakers of the House, the identity of its clerks and a compilation of useful reference works. The last will be an extremely valuable aid for users of these volumes. A detailed index of great utility greatly enhances the value and utility of this guide.

Students of Pennsylvania history will be disappointed when they check the index by the scant amount of space devoted to the Commonwealth, and the same will be true of those interested in the history of Pittsburgh which has only two items under it in the index. However, these volumes will be more than useful to historians of Pennsylvania who are interested in learning how the national legislature has dealt with the matters of concern to the state. For the first time, they will be able to know that the material they want exists, and how to locate it. This is an extremely valuable aid for research, and serious students of the nation's history owe the National Archives a great debt for the care exercised in its preparation.

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While this bibliography is a companion volume to the same author's Guide to the Manuscripts and Archives in the West Virginia Collection (1959) and to Index to West Virginiana (1960), by Robert F. Munn*, it is not a compilation for the advanced scholars but forms, rather, a basic list for beginning students, teachers and librarians. Manuscripts, genealogy, state documents (with a few exceptions), and fiction are not included in the list. Selected items