

OHIO IMMIGRATION

Culture Groups in Ohio

Reasons They Came

What They Left Behind

WHAT CULTURES CAME?

GERMANS

- ⦿ Germans were the largest group of people who came to Ohio
- ⦿ They were also one of the first groups to come to Ohio
- ⦿ Most Germans migrated from Pennsylvania
- ⦿ Many came to help build the canals



IRISH

- ⦿ Many Irish came to Ohio as a result of the Potato Famine.
- ⦿ They lost their homes and needed a new life.
- ⦿ They wanted to be farmers, but ended up taking some of the hardest jobs for the smallest pay.



ITALIANS

- ◎ Most Italians settled in Cleveland or along Lake Erie.
- ◎ Most worked in factories, as waiters, or as cooks in restaurants.
- ◎ Some started their own businesses selling traditional Italian products such as clothing.



REASONS THEY CAME

◎ Opportunities in:

- Mining

- Agriculture

- Manufacturing

◎ Family Ties

◎ Freedom from religious and political oppression

WHAT DO WE STILL HAVE?

⦿ Cultural centers within cities

- Germantown
- Youngstown (Italian)
- Little Italy (Toledo)

⦿ Churches and Cathedrals

⦿ Foods and Festivals





PENNSYLVANIA

OTHER PRIMARY
SOURCES

Costumes and
handicrafts, the
Germans.



German alien John Letch
sitting in a chair



SCOTCH-IRISH
QUARTETTE

Scotch-Irish Quartette

REMEMBER



CONTENDY!

SARFIELD GUARD!

(S) Irishmen, remember the City of the Violated Treaty! *(W)*

2d REGIMENT CORCORAN'S IRISH LEGION!
COL. PETER McDERMOTT.

Irishmen, you are now training to meet your English enemies!

\$100 FROM THE UNITED STATES,
50 FROM THE CITY,
50 FROM THE GREEN

Irish Poster



Senator of the Italian Kingdom, Guglielmo Marconi, standing with men from the Italian Commission on War



Josephine Martellaro with
the Saint Joseph's Day table
she created at her home in

1990