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.

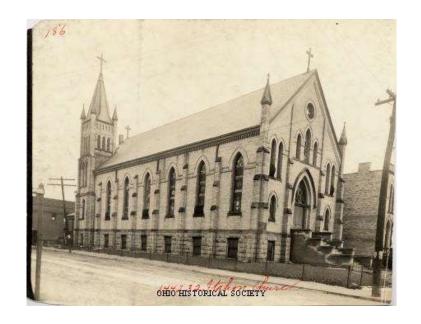


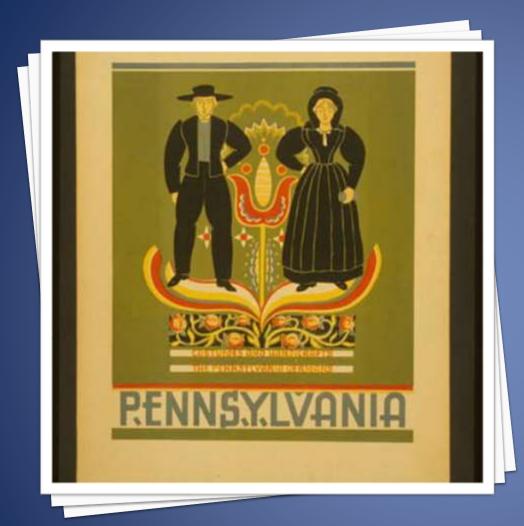
REASONS THEY CAME

- 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





OTHER PRIMARY
SOURCES

Costumes and handicrafts, the Germans.



German alien John Letch sitting in a chair



Scotch-Irish Quartette



Irish Poster



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



sephine Martellaro with

Saint Joseph's Day table

e created at her home in

1990