OHIO IMMIGRATION

Culture Groups in Ohio
Reasons They Came
What They Left Behind
WHAT CULTURES CAME?
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.
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.
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
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
Josephine Martellaro with the Saint Joseph's Day table she created at her home in 1990.