

PALATINES IN AMERICA

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Germans in Early America

- 1790 – 1st US Census
 - 7% of the population (280,000)
- 1683 – 1806
 - 200,000 German speaking emigrants settled in North America
- Prior to 1710
 - 2000 – 3000 German emigrants had come to the colonies
 - 100 were part of Dutch and Swedish colonies in New York & Delaware

Who were the Palatines?

- 1709-1776
 - Natives of the Electorate of the Palatinate Region
- Post 1776
 - All German speaking emigrants



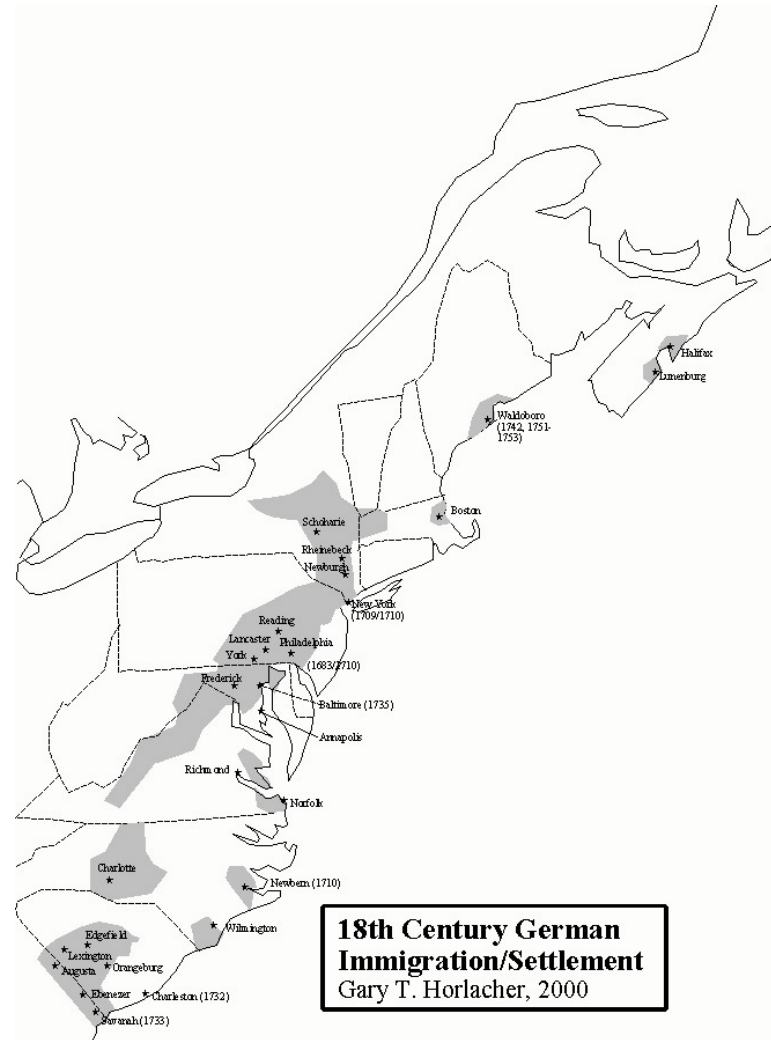
High Years of Immigration

- 1709, 1727, 1732, 1738, 1742-1744, 1749-1754, 1764, 1770-1773, 1785-1802
- Reasons for low years of immigration
 - 1717-1726 Russian & Austrian Empires incentives & privileges
 - Wars
 - 1744-1748 War of the Austrian Succession
 - 1755-1763 Sea battles during 7-years War
 - 1776-1783 American Revolution War
 - 1806-1815 Napoleonic Wars

Reasons for Emigration

- Wars
 - 30 Years War (1618-1648)
 - Nine Years War (1688-1697)
 - War of Spanish Succession (1701-1714)
 - American Revolution
- Weather
 - Freeze winter of 1708/1709
 - Poor harvests
 - Year of starvation 1816/1817
- Religious freedom
- Heavy taxation
- Promise of Free Land
- Adventure
- Advertising by colonial proprietors
- Benevolent & active cooperation of the British government

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- New York 1709-1710
- North Carolina 1710
- Louisiana/Mississippi 1722
- Georgia 1734
- Maine 1739
- South Carolina 1740-1755
- Nova Scotia 1753
- Pennsylvania 1683-1710

Queen Anne & British Politics

- Staunch Protestant
 - Palatines victims of Catholic oppression
- Whigs
 - Increased population = more wealth
 - Benefits from French Huguenots & Dutch exiles
- Tories
 - Immigrants = financial burden
 - Security of the Church of England



“Poor” Palatines

- “Poor” – pitiful & impoverished state upon arrival May 1709
- No skills
- Little, if any, education
- Not healthy enough to work
- Supported by Queen Anne & Whig charity
- Daniel Defoe’s Review critical of government handling of Palatines – disease-ridden, Catholic bandits who arrived in England “to eat the Bread out of the Mouths of our People.”

Disposal/Dispersal

- Settled in tents
- Catholic Germans
- Re-settlement in Ireland



New York Settlement

- 1709 Newburg, NY
 - Rev. Joshua Kocherthal with 50 settlers
- 1710 New York
 - 2,227 immigrants settled in 5 villages
 - East Camp
 - West Camp
- May 1, 1711
 - East Camp pop. 1194
 - West Camp pop. 583
 - 350 Palatines in NYC & some in NJ

Benefit to the British Crown

- Production of naval stores
 - Hemp
 - Tar & pitch
 - Pine trees
- Provide a frontier against the French & Indians

Resettlement

- 1717-1718
 - Government subsistence ended Sept 12, 1712
 - By 1717, Palatines relocated to
 - Pennsylvania
 - New Jersey
 - NYC
 - Rhinebeck, NY
 - Schoharie
 - 1723 Mohawk Valley

North Carolina Settlement

- Queen Anne's "The Golden Book" recruited Palatines to come to England to be sent to the Carolinas
- 1709 – 150 families (650 Palatines) transported to North Carolina
- Sept 22, 1711 -- 100 Palatines massacred by Indians

Aufführlich- und umständlicher
Bericht
Von der berühmten Landschaft
Carolina/
In dem
Engländischen America
gelegen.
An Tag gegeben
Von
Kocherthalern.
Vierter Druck /
Mit Anhängen / zweyer Englischen
Autoren gethanen Beschreibung / und eines
auff der Reise dahin begriffenen Hochtrucks
auff London Beschriftung.
Wohl
Einer Land- Carte von Carolina ver-
mehrt.
Frankfurt am Mayn /
Zu finden bey Georg Heinrich Dörfling /
Anno M DCC IX.

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Georgia Colony

- Persecuted Lutherans from Salzburg
- 1734 Settled in Effingham County (outside of Savannah)
 - By 1745 several hundred families
- 1735 Moravians in Savannah (40-50)
 - Protestants exiled to Saxony
 - No permanent settlement
 - Moved to Pennsylvania

Maine Colony

- 1739 Lutherans & German Reformed purchased land from General Waldo
- Laid out Waldoborough, Lincoln County probably Bremen, and Frankfort in Waldo County
- 1746 Waldoborough destroyed by Indians
- Survivors escaped to Canada



South Carolina Colony

- Proposed by Jean Pierre Pury of Switzerland to Assembly of South Carolina
 - Received £400 to bring 100 effective men to extend southern border with “brave & laborious people”
 - 1747 Purysburg settled by Swiss
- 1740-1755 Palatines sent/settled in Orangeburg, Cougaree, and Wateree
- 1765 600 came from the Palatine and Swabia

Nova Scotia Colony

- Halifax founded in 1749 by predominantly English
- Population decimated by disease & desertion
- Remaining population primarily German & Swiss requested British Crown to recruit replacements like them from German states & principalities along Rhine River

Nova Scotia Colony

- British promises
 - Free land
 - Year's supply of food
 - Tools & implements to till the land
 - Some building supplies
 - If unable to pay for passage, do public works (build forts & roads) until debt paid

Nova Scotia Colony

- 1750-1752 – 2700 new settlers from Palatinate, Württemberg, Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt, Switzerland and Montbéliard (French town near Swiss border)
- 1753 half of the settlers taken to settle Lunenburg
- Others – Hessian soldiers from the American Revolution; American Loyalist (Tories) after 1783

Pennsylvania Colony

- Promoted in pamphlets since 1680
 - William Penn
 - Daniel Pastorius, founder of Germantown, 1st permanent German settlement in America Oct 6, 1683
 - Sailed on the ship Concord, “The German Mayflower”
 - Daniel Falckner “What is there a deficiency of in America?” “The chief deficiency consists in people and craftsmen. The other deficiencies will be easily supplied.”
- Rapid influx between 1725 & 1775

Travel to America

- Took about 6 months
- Completed in 3 stages
 - Rhine River to Rotterdam of other port
 - 4-6 weeks on the river
 - 5-6 weeks in Holland
 - Rotterdam to Cowes, England
 - 8-14 days
 - Plus wait of 7-10 days before ship sailed
 - England to Philadelphia
 - 7-12 weeks



Travel to America

- 1738 Bilander Thistle



Cost about \$176.00, 7-12 weeks non-stop

- Today



Cost about \$5000.00 for ocean view cabin, 15 days with 7 ports along the way

1700's Ocean Cruise

- Inadequate supplies of food and water
- No soap; minimal bathing in the best of times
- Toothbrush and flush toilet not invented yet
- Stench, dysentery, lice, scurvy, cold, dampness pervasive
- Children ages 1-7 rarely survived

Pennsylvania Germans

- 1683-1727
 - Well-to-do or
 - Poor; sold into servitude upon arriving in Philadelphia
- 1728-1751
 - The redemptioners ; sold into servitude before leaving Germany

Famous Early Palatine Colonists

- John Peter Zenger – freedom of the press
- John Jacob Aster – richest man in America from fur trading
- Nicholas Herkimer – commanding general Battle of Oriskany, American Revolutionary War, Aug. 6 1777
- Johann Peter Rockefeller – founder of the Rockefeller family
- Casper Shafer – New Jersey pioneer, miller, political figure
- Johann Conrad Weiser – Pennsylvania pioneer, Indian interpreter, diplomat

Palatine Contributions to America

- First kindergarten
- Christmas tree tradition
- Food – hotdogs, hamburgers
- Publishing – 1st Bible in America printed in Philadelphia by Christopher Saur
 - German newspaper first to announce signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776
 - German copies of the Declaration of Independence on the streets July 5, 1776

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