

Timeline of Germanic Groups in America

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- 1607 Germans are among the first settlers at Jamestown. Five unnamed glassmakers and three carpenters made up the first group of Germans.

 - 1683 Germantown, Pennsylvania, now part of Philadelphia, is settled by 13 families of German, Mennonites/Quakers from Krefeld and Kriegsheim led by Franz Daniel Pastorius.

 - 1685 Huguenots (French Protestants) settler various parts of the USA. Some of these made stopovers in German lands, where they took on some German customs and perhaps some German-sounding names.

 - 1709+ The Palatines of New York settle in Newburg, Orange County, New York, the Livingston Manor area. They consist of 847 families (or about 3,000 people) from the Palatinate, Hessen-Darmstadt, Hanau, Isenburg, and Wetterau areas, Franconia; and Catholic areas, such as Alsace, Baden, Nassau, and Zweibrucken.

 - 1710 Mennonites settle in Pennsylvania.

 - 1714 Germanna (now Culpeper), Virginia, is settled by ironworkers from Nassau-Siegen, and by 1717, the colony is expanded by 80 families from Wuerttemberg and Baden.

 - 1719+ The German Coast of Louisiana (Les Allemandes) is settled by about 930 persons from the bishopric of Speyer and the areas of Baden, Alsace, and Augsburg.

 - 1719+ The Pennsylvania areas of Conestoga, Germantown, the Skippach, Oley, and Muehlbach are settled by German Baptist Brethren (Tunkers, Dunkards, Schwarzenau Brethren) from Krefeld.

 - 1727+ Passenger lists exist for Philadelphia. The Pennsylvanian counties of Berks, Bucks, Lancaster, York and Adams, and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia are settled by Pennsylvania Germans (Pennsylvania Dutch), many of them indentured servants.

 - 1732+ Ebenezer, Georgia, is settled by about 300 Salzburger Lutheran religious emigrants who had been expelled by the Archbishop Firmian from the Diocese of Salzburg.

 - 1734 About 200 Schwenkfelders settled in the Pennsylvania counties of Lehigh, Montgomery, Bucks and Berks.

- 1735+ Swiss and Germans settle in South Carolina at Charleston and Orangeburg, and on the frontier at Amelia, Saxe-Gotha, New Windsor, and Hard Labor Creek.
- 1740 Immigrants recruited by Samuel Waldo from Brunswick and Saxony, also Wuerttemberg and the Palatinate, settle Waldoboro, Maine.
- 1804-5 Harmony, Pennsylvania, is settled by 650 members of Rapp's Harmony Society.
- 1809 Walnut Creek, Ohio, area is settled by Amish led by Bishop Jacob Miller and Jonas Stutzman. It is now the largest Amish settlement in the world.
- 1832-33 Political emigrants from the Hambach Festival's freedom movement flee to America.
- 1839 Perry County, Missouri, is settled by 700 Saxon Lutherans led by Martin Stephan.
- 1839+ Buffalo and Bergholz, New York, and Mequon and Freistadt, Wisconsin, are settled by about 1,000 "Old Lutherans" from Pomerania, Silesia and Saxony.
- 1842+ New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, and Castell, Texas, become home to 7,380 immigrants of the Mainz Nobility Society, or Adelsverein.
- 1843+ Ebenezer, New York, is settled by Inspirationists led by Chrisitan Metz.
- 1848 About 8,000 political refugees, known as Forty-Eighters, fled as a result of the failed Frankfurt constitution. They migrate to Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Texas.

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