



Why the Website?

- In 2010 I was asked to go to the Maryland General Assembly and introduce legislation that would declare October 'German American Heritage Month'
- While gathering data, I found it to be too extensive to handle on paper and filing systems and felt the website would be the best way to save and to share.
- In 2013, the Maryland General Assembly declared October German-American Heritage Month.



Some very important facts/statistics

- First German, John Lederer (born in Hamburg, Germany in 1644) arrived March 9, 1669...first European to crest the Blue Ridge Mountains. Settled in Maryland in 1671.
- 1732: Charles, Lord Baltimore makes liberal offers of land to get industrious German families to move to Maryland.
- 1735: About 100 families from Germany, by way of the Chesapeake Bay settle in Frederick.
- 1739: Jonathan Hager settles in what is later to be known as Hagerstown.
- 1756: Schifferstadt completed (Joseph Brunner Family) The intent was a residence and a fort fending against Indian attacks. Still exists and is the best example of German colonial architecture in the country.

More very important facts/statistics

- 1779: Resolution to translate acts of the Maryland General Assembly into German (first official recognition by the State of the existence of the German language among Maryland inhabitants).
- 1783: The German Society of Maryland founded to combat serious problems facing immigrants from German speaking countries.
- 1790: As many as 100,000 Germans have immigrated to America...estimated 8.6% of the US population and 12% of the population in Maryland.
- 1880: Between 1800 and 2005, over 7 million German speakers immigrated to the US. The largest wave 1840-1914.

More very important statistics

- Some statistics (first available and as a result of a law, which was amended in 1832 that provided a portion of money paid by the immigrants arriving in Baltimore, \$1.50. This was initially divided evenly among the German Society and the Hibernian Society (Irish counterpart), however, more Germans were arriving and the amendment to the law provided for proportional sharing.
 - 1833-1839: 44,584 persons
 - 1840-1850: 50,660 persons
 - 1851-1860: 73,722 persons

More very important statistics

- 1860 Federal census shows that Maryland had a population of 590,860 people.
- Of that 77,536 were foreign born.
- Of the foreign born, 43,884 were born in the German states (Austria 182; Bavaria 7,733; Baden 3,485; Hesse 8,126; Nassau 94; Prussia 2,827; Württmberg 2,229 and Germanynot specified 19,208). The next largest foreign born population was the Irish at 21,872 and the English at 4,235, trailed by the Scottish at 1,583.

More very important statistics

- 1890: First German Day in Maryland
- 1890 Census shows of the 434,439 persons in Baltimore, 101,112 are German or of German parentage. This is 23.28% of the city's population.
- 1900-53.4% of Marylanders had one or both parents born in German speaking districts of middle Europe. Maryland had the 4th largest concentration of German Americans, exceeded only by Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri. The national average was 30.2%. The actual numbers in Maryland were 44,990 born in Germany and 145,513 with one or both parents born in Germany

More very important statistics

- What about more modern times:
- 1990-The 1990 Cenus show that the German-Americans are the largest ethnic group in the U.S. with 57,947,374 persons or 23.3% of the U.S. Population claiming some form of German ancestry. Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the Society of German-American studies adds that the German category does not include Germans from other German speaking starts and regions of Europe and the Americas. So to the German Statistic could be added:
- Alsatian 16.465
- Austrian 870,531 .
- Luxemburger 49,061
- Swiss-German 700,000* (70% of the total Swiss Statistic) Pennsylvania German 305,841
- The six additional German ethic groups total 1,952,051. The total of the seven groups 50,937,646. The results indicated that the German Americans constitute a full one-fourth of the population.
- (Source: Deutsche Welt-U.S.A., July / Aug. 1992)

Let's take a look at a few of the Profiles on the site

- The profiles are for persons that have contributed in some way to the lives of those living in Maryland, some specifically Baltimore. Keep in mind that many of the Baltimore Germans migrated from Frederick and many in Frederick from Pennsylvania.
- There are some names you will recognize and some you will not.



Architects & Engineers • John Edwin Greiner • (2-24-1859 to1942) The Greiner family immigrated to the U.S. in the early part of the nineteenth century from Wirtemberg, Germany. Lived in Delaware and moved to Baltimore when commissioned to study Building laws after the Great Baltimore Fire. Worked for the B&O Railroad from 1885 to 1908, designing almost every one of their bridges built at this time. What bridge did Mr. Greiner build here? proges built at this time. Greiner is recognized by some as one of the three major icons of American bridge engineers, the other two being John Augustus Rocking, the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge, and Gustav Lindenthal, the engineer for the Hell Gate Bridge and the Queensboro Bridge in New York.

Additional Architects & Engineers

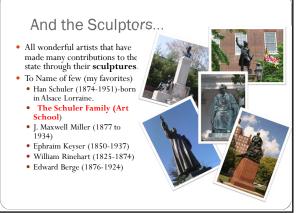
- Adams, Henry-Designed McDaniel's Baker Chapel
- Adams, Otto Eugene
- Ancker, Walter W.
- Bollaman, Wende l
- Brauns, F. Henry
- Bunnecke, George
- Cluss, Adolf
- Cohen, Mendes Emrich, August
- Faul, Augustus
 - Fritzsche, Robert
 - Lupus, Edward
 - Niernsee, John Rudolph
 - Oehme, Wolfgang
 - Saum, Jacob
 - Wiegand, William Daniel
 - Zink, John

Artists-Painters, Sculptors, Writers, Musicians, Theater, etc.

- The 'Sage of Baltimore' was of German Descent?
- Henry Lewis Mencken (9-12-1880 to 1-29-1956)-Journalist, writer
- He attributed the diminution of ethnic Germans to the 'melting pot' they plunged in, shedding their difficult language and flaunting their appearance as look alikes of the English.
- His home will be reopened as a museum in the new future.











Bakers & Candymakers

- Albert Kirchmayr Chocolates-Mr. Kirchmayr (1956) "Berger Cookies-George and Henry Berger "Edebresis Bakery-Diertich Paul (no 11-16-2007) "Glauber Chocolates John H. Glauber (38-1851 to 12-10-1931) Mition Glauber (7-1888 to 1926) Howard Glauber (10-1955 to)
- •Goetz Candies-August Goetze (5-23-1832 to 9-4-1906) William Goetze (1863 to) R. Melvin Goetze (2-8-1889 to 2-Goldman's Kosher Bakery-Fred B. 'Fritz' Cohn (1921 to 2006)
- Anton Hagel (4-17-1888 to 1-20-1967) Hauswald's Bakery -Sophia Hauswald Philip John Hauswald, Sr. (12-16-1892 to 2-1980) Philip John Hauswald (2-15-1925 to 11-30-1998)
- •Heinz Cake & Gift Haus-Heinz Hubert Luesse (10-7-1934 to) Heinz Eric Luesse (9-6-1967 to)
- to) Heinz Eric Luesse (V-6-1967 to) **Herman's Bakery-Harry** J. Herman (1918 to 11-2003) **Hoehn Bakery-William** Hoehn (1896 to) **Koester's Bread-Eilert Koester** (9-1858 to 11-7-1948) Lisette Koester (12-1860 to 8-7-1947).
- (c) Lis 1000 to 6-29-1955) Which Placery Listendra Muhy (c-8-1804 to 8-32-1885) Otter-bein Bakery-Adm. J. Otter-lein (12-1855 to 3-5-1911) August A. Otter-bein Liste Not 1-14-1930 Jackers Jopes Pather Schwortz Liste Not 1-14-1930 Jackers Jopes Pather Schwortz Liste Not 1-14-1930 Jackers Jopes Pather Schwortz Liste Not 1-14-1930 Jackers Johnson Pather Schwortz Liste Not 1-14-1930 Jackers Johnson 1977 to 10-27-1930 Nither V Hakery-Loax Silber (1884 to 1945) Samuel Silber (1944 to 2001)

Lipps, Frederick (10-3-1870 to 2-3-1930) Lipps, Frederick W. (9-18-1900 to 6-29-1955)

- Wockenfuss Candies-Herman Charles Wockenfuss (1875 to) Bernard (7-2-1915 to 8-26-2004) .
- Woodlea Bakery-Hergenroeder Family-John Hergenroeder, Sr. (9-8-1881 to 4-1967) Charles Hergenroeder, Sr. (to 2007) John Hergenroeder (10-10-1909 to 10-28-1999) Zirkler Union Square Bakery-Erwin Zirkler (8-5-1910 to 11-21-1998) Helene Zirkler (5-18-1913 to 1-3-2000)

Maryland was also foaming with brewers.

- Barnitz-first brewery in
- Baltimoretown-1748 • The 1870 Federal Census: There were 8 Brewers in Baltimore. employing 86 persons and having a production value of \$254,304.
- In 1877 the production of the 65 breweries in the Revenue District amounted to 247,722 barrels
- The year-report for the year 1886 shows 529,111 blls..

The Brewers Association



 The brewery business suffered a huge blow in 1920 with the passage of the Volstead Act.



Other Brewers and Breweries

- Barnitz, John---the oldest brewery
- Ramite, John--the oldet brewery Brantie, Elso Douts Bacerachemidt, George Bacerachemidt, John Jacob Bacerachemidt, Frederick Bacerachemidt, John ('Little John') Reck, Jogust, Jr. Beck, Jonuss Beck, Jonuss Beger, Bernhardt Beger, J.M. Brehum, George

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- Brehm, George Dukehart, Thomas M. Eigenbrot, Henry Englehardt, John
- Fessenmeier, Michael, Sr
- Fessenmeierm, Michael Jr. Fessenmeier, AndrewM
- Gunther, Max

- Helkloerfer, Sebastian Hoblemann, Herman

Gunther, Max

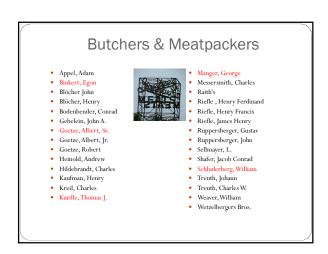
- Hoblemann, Herman Hoenervogt Hoffberger, Charles Jerold Joh, Ferdinand Kresslein, John Pabst, George Rossmarck, George Rossmarck, Ferdinand Rossmarck, John C. Rost, George (Standard)
- Rost, George (Standard Schlaffer, Franz Schlaffer, Anna
- Seeger, JacobSteil, Frank Vonderhorst, J.H.
- Werner, Henr Wiessner, John Frederick



Speaking of Restaurants

- Bavarian Brauhaus
 www.thebavarianbrauhaus.com
- Black Forest Taphouse https://www.blackforesttaphouse.com/ https:
- Cafe Berlin DC http://www.cafeberlin-dc.com/
- . Cafe Mozart German Deli (Washington DC) http://www.cafemozartgermandeli.com
- •Crossbar Baltimore https://www.crossbarbaltimore.com/
- das Bier Haus http://dasbierhaus21230.com/
- Döner Bistro (Frederick, MD.) http://www.doener-usa.com/location-frederick
- Dunderbak's (Whitehall PA) http://www.dunderbak.com/locate.html
 - Hennings Restaurant (Frederick)
 - Hofbrauhaus (PA) http://hofbrauhauspa a.com/
 - Old Europe DC
 - http://www.old-europe.com .
 - Old Stein Inn (Annapolis, MD.) http://www.oldstein-inn.com
 - Prost Restaurant (Port Deposit, MD) www.prostrestaurant.com
 - Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant (Hagerstown, MD.) http://www.schmankerlstube.com Tyber Bierhaus http://www.tyberbierhausmd.com/





The Educators and the Spiritual Advisors Education and Religion Bachmann, Marcus Becker, Ernest J. • Francis W. Pramschufer (8-• Rev. Henry Scheib 9-1918 to 1-24-2001) Bregenzer, Otto (7-8-1808 to 11-15-1897) Born at Locust Point in Baltimore. His father's parents were German immigrants, coming from Westphalia in 1887. He was a 1936 graduate of Polytechnic lastitute and state or polytechnic Collitz, Herman Cunz, Dieter Dieffenbach, Ferdinand • Born in Bacharach, Germany . Hofmann, Julius Huber, Eduard • Pastor of Zion Church • Founder of the Zion School. Institute and received an engineering degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. Ebeling, George W. Einhorn, David known as Scheib school-the first school of higher Englelbert, Edward Mr. Pramschufer was an educator. education in Baltimore

- He is considered the 'Founding Father' of the Maryland Oktoberfest and was the President for 20 years.
- President for 20 years. He belonged to many of Baltimore's German groups. Mr. Pramschufer was the last president of the Deutches Haus, a longtime meeting place for German societies and immigrants until its closing in 1972.

Schultz, C.F. Emil comer, Christia Schwalenberg, Martin Ortmann, Richard Haupt, Paul Hennighausen, Friedrich Phillip Otterbein, Philip William Schwartz, Andreas Seelos, Francis Xavier Otto, H.J. Siegfried Heatwole, Timothy Oliver Simon, William Penner, Friedmann Heinrich Hochheimer, Henry Sittensberger, Mathias Pohlman, August Steffens, Dietrich H. Pramschufer, Francis Steinmeyer, Ferdin Huber, Eduard Kelleher , Eva 'Maus' Kurrelmeyer, William Kurtz, Benjamin Kurtz, Johann Daniel Manrodt, David H. McClain, William H. Magazetain Michael Raddatz Charles F Sternat, Frederick Chas Rice, Abraham Joseph Stiemke, A.L. Timothy . Rolker, Edna Uhlhorn, Johann Evers, Fritz Otto Rosenau, Willian Veditz, George Eyster, Charles M. Scheib, Henry Vees, Henry Vogtmann, Ludwig . Fankhanel, Herbert Schirokauer, Arno C. Meyerstein, Michael Meyerstein, Michael Miegel, Charles Hermann Morris, John Gottlieb <u>Mruck, Armin E.</u> Wagner, Hans Ludwig Wappler, Wilhelm Faust, Albert Schloegel, Charles Frambach, Jacob Schmeissner, Volker Karl Weber, Hans Karl Froelicher, Hans, Jr. Schmucker, Samuel Davies Froelicher, Hans Sr. Witmer Peter Augustus Schneeberger, William Zintl, Carrie (Kurrelmeyer) Zucker, Adolf . Gritsch, Eric Schneider, Theodor Schneidereith, Helene • Schreiber, Peter Stanislaus

Nagengast, Henry

In line with the Spiritual Advisors, What about the Churches?

• At the center of the early German community in Maryland was their church. The church was the meeting place, not only to practice your faith, but to maintain your culture. The church was the center of many of our ancestors' social lives. Many of the early churches provided the immigrants with the service in their native tongue. As you will see many of these churches maintained a German service and later added English services. Estimates put early populations as one third Catholic and two thirds Protestant, primarily Lutheran and Reformed.

More than 100 churches began as German churches offering a German service

1894 According to J.G. Morris' 'The German in Baltimore', there are 32 places of worship that provide all instruction in German. In the first decade of the 1900s, 30 churches offered

services in German.



In 1929 there were 22 churches in and around Baltimore where the services were done wholly or in part, in German.





Zion Church of the City of Baltimore

- ...still has a German Service every Sunday
- Established in 1755 (before America was America)
- Maintains the German culture and heritage through regular services and special events.
- http://www.zionbaltimore.org/



Some VIPs in Government of German Heritage

- Susan Aumann-House of Delegates 2002-2018-drafted the German/American Heritage month bill in 2010.
- Judge John J. Dobler (6-6-1852 to 9-21-1923) Charter Member of the Maryland State Bar Association 1896-1897
- Governor Robert Ehrlich-60th Governor of Maryland (2003-2007)
- Governor William D. Schaefer-58th Governor of Maryland (1987-1995); Mayor of Baltimore (1971-1987); Comptroller of Maryland (1999-2007)

Government & Politics	
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Manufacturing & Retail

- German Work Ethic, ingenuity and dedication
- Manufacturing from brushes (Wilkins), tin (Matthai), pianos (Wikins), un (Matthal), planos (Knabe); pickels (Lang), furniture (Potthast), umbrellas (Bechler), stoves (Weiskittle)...really A to Z, Germans and those of German descent played a huge part in building the city and state.

• Retail-Hutzler, Gutman, Hecht, and many more Our largest profile category with 113

• Some are still working • G. Krug & Son-Ironwork still in business in Baltimore

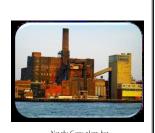






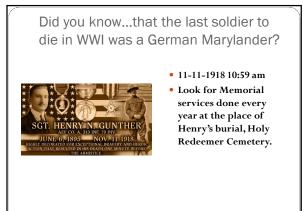
One more

- Maryland's first sugar refinery....
- Established by Germans Gartz (Garts) and Leypold on Peace alley on the east side of Hanover street between Conway and Camden in 1796....near today's Camden Yard.



Not the Gartz plant, but Domino Sugar Refinery continues to operate in Baltimore.



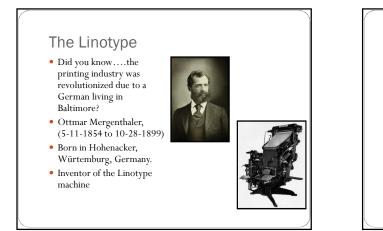


Printers & Publishing

Gruber. Johann

- Hanzsche, John Godfrey
 Hasselbach, Nicholas-In 1765 Hasselbach moved to Baltimore, and Baltimore- Town had its first
- press.Hoen, Ernest
- Hoen, Ernest
 Hoen, Frank Nixdorff
- Hoen, Frank Nixd
 Levh, Edward F.
- Leyn, Edward F.Mergenthaler, Ottmar
- Mergenthaler, Ottmar
 Munder, Norman T.A.
- Polmyer, Frederick
- ronnyer, rrederiek

- Pruess, John F.
- Raine, Edward
- Raine, Frederich-In 1841 he established and began printing 'Der Deutsche Correspondent'.
- Schnauffer, Karl Heinrich
- Schnauffer, William
- Schneidereith, Carl William
 Schneidereith, Charles William-Firm is still in business.
- Trappe, August Frederick
- Weber, Frederick Clement
- Weis, Louis Theodore



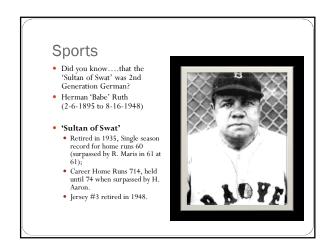


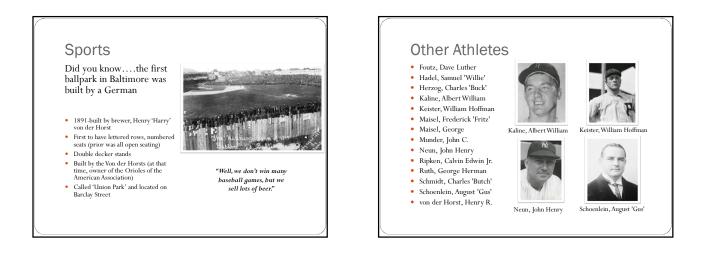


- Weekly 1841-1843
- Tri-Weekly 1843-1844
- Daily 1844
- Tri-Weekly 1844-1847
- As Baltimore Correspondent
 Weekly 1919
 - Semi weekly 1920-1935



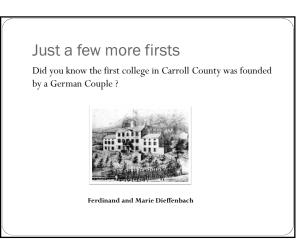






We also have an 'Everyday' Folks Section-Send me the story about your German Roots

•	Dolle, George	•	Juergensen, Irene
•	Eckels, Louis	•	Kirschenhofer, George
•	Foertschbeck, John Jr.	•	Leinemann, Manfred 'Fred'
•	Fritchie, Barbara (Hauer)	•	Lüdtke, Paul August
•	Garmer, John	•	Modro, Rosa
•	Garmer, John Henry Sr.	•	Nicodemus, John
•	Garmer, W.H.	•	Reich, Conrad
•	Gessert, Waltraut Johanna	•	Rhinhardt, Henry J.
•	Gessert, Friedrich 'Fritz'	•	Riedel, Frederick
•	Grabenstein, Justus	•	Roth, John Christian
•	Gruber, Martin	•	Sack, George
•	Gruber, Johannes	•	Sander, August
•	Gruber, Hans Jacob	•	Schneeberger, Louis
•	Hafer, George	•	Seabrease, Harry
٠.	Henning, Brigitte	•	Sheppard, Benjamin 'Bob'
٠.	Hofstetter. Lawrence	•	Stegmueller, Theodore Heinrich
•	Imwold, John A.	•	Swartz, John Duval
		•	Zeller, Alfred Andreas



First Catholic Women's College

- Speaking of Colleges... Did you know...the first Catholic Women's College is right here in Baltimore?
- Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, which had come here from Germany Notre Dame College



What about the (Public) Schools in Baltimore

- By 1875 four English German schools had been established and were in regular session. The following information was taken from a 1876 catalog of schools and universities:
- English German School, No. 1, Biddle Street, near Fremont.-9 Teachers. 575 Scholars.
- English German School, No. 2, 174 Hamburg Street. -12 Teachers. 558 Scholars.
- English German School, No. 3, Trinity Street, near Exeter.-15 Teachers. 615 Scholars.
- English German School, No. 4, Aisquith Street, near Fayette.-4 Teachers. 67 Scholars.
- English German School Number 5 (1876) Fremont Street near Lombard

Some School Stats

- In 1880, there were still only five schools with total enrollment of 3440 pupils.
 In 1883 the enrollment was 3869 and school Number 2 was given a new building at the corner of Charles and Ostend Streets.
- In 1885 enrollment had risen to 4616.
- In 1888 and 1889 enrollment grew to 5030.
- In 1893 enrollment was at 5439.In 1897 this number rose to 6780
- In 1897 this number rose t
- In 1899 it was 6931.
- Today, we are fighting to keep the German language in our schools as a Major and a Minor.

What else?

- There are more things to discover on the website.Entertainment Facilities
 - Festivals (History of the German Festival)
- Orphanages
- Senior HomesGenealogy
- Genealogy
 Singing Societies (There were many. On the 13th of March 1837, Baltimore visited Philadelphia and on the 28th of March the Männerchor made a return visit to Baltimore. These engagements are regarded as the first 'Sängerfeste' in the musical history of the United States. The New York Liederkranz accepted the ladies of Zionskirche in Baltimore as members in 1838, one of the first mixed groups.)
- Cemeteries (Large German Populations)-We have over 14,000 images to help with 'Findng you Roots'

