

# German-American Immigrant List

## Introduction

German-Americans have played a significant role in the history and culture of the United States. From their arrival in the colonial era to their contributions in the modern day, German-Americans have helped to shape the nation in many ways.

The first German immigrants arrived in America in the early 17th century. They came from a variety of regions in Germany, seeking religious freedom, economic opportunity, and a new life in the New World. Over the next several centuries, millions of Germans would make the journey to America, making them one of the largest immigrant groups in the country.

German immigrants settled in all parts of the United States, but they were particularly concentrated in the

Midwest and the Northeast. They brought with them their own language, culture, and traditions, which they continued to practice in their new homeland. German-Americans also played a major role in the development of American agriculture, industry, and commerce.

During the 19th and 20th centuries, German-Americans made significant contributions to American culture. They founded newspapers, magazines, and schools. They also played a major role in the arts, music, and literature. German-Americans also served in the military during times of war, fighting for the United States in both World Wars.

Today, German-Americans continue to play an important role in American society. They are represented in all walks of life, from politics and business to education and the arts. German-Americans are also active in preserving their heritage and culture, through organizations such as the German-American

National Congress and the American-German Heritage Society.

The story of German-Americans is a story of immigration, assimilation, and achievement. It is a story that is still being written today, as new generations of German-Americans continue to make their mark on the United States.

## Book Description

German-American Immigrant List is a comprehensive guide to the German immigrants who arrived in America between 1741 and 1767. This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in German-American history and genealogy.

The book is divided into two parts. The first part is a chronological list of the immigrants, arranged by the date of their arrival in America. The second part is an annotated index of all the persons named in the register, with their ages, ship traveled on, date of embarkation, and any other information that could be attributed to them from Strassburger & Hinke's "Pennsylvania German Pioneers."

This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in German-American history and genealogy. It provides a wealth of information on the immigrants who came to America from Hessen-Hanau during this period, and

it is a valuable tool for anyone researching their German-American ancestry.

In addition to the information on the immigrants themselves, the book also provides a brief history of Hessen-Hanau and the reasons why so many people from this region emigrated to America. The book also discusses the challenges that the immigrants faced when they arrived in America, and the contributions that they made to their new country.

This book is a valuable addition to the literature on German-American history and genealogy. It is a comprehensive and well-researched work that provides a wealth of information on the immigrants who came to America from Hessen-Hanau during this period.

# Chapter 1: Emigrants from Hessen-Hanau

## German Immigration to America in the 18th Century

The 18th century witnessed a significant wave of German immigration to America. This migration was primarily driven by economic and religious factors. Germany, during this period, was grappling with a series of economic hardships, including crop failures, high taxes, and widespread poverty. These conditions prompted many Germans to seek opportunities in the New World. Religious persecution also played a role, as many Germans were seeking refuge from religious oppression in their home country.

German immigrants arrived in America in large numbers throughout the 18th century. They settled in various parts of the country, but many concentrated in the Mid-Atlantic and Southern colonies. These

immigrants brought with them a variety of skills and trades, contributing to the development of the American economy. They were particularly active in agriculture, manufacturing, and trade.

German immigrants also played an important role in the American Revolution. They fought on both sides of the conflict, but many sided with the Patriots. German soldiers were known for their discipline and fighting prowess, and they played a significant role in several key battles of the war.

After the Revolution, German immigration to America continued to increase. By the end of the 18th century, there were an estimated 200,000 Germans living in the United States. These immigrants continued to contribute to the growth and development of the country, and their descendants would go on to play a major role in American history and culture.

The 18th century German immigration to America was a significant event in the history of both countries. It

brought a large number of skilled and hardworking people to America, who helped to build the nation and contribute to its success. The German immigrants of the 18th century left a lasting legacy in America, and their descendants continue to play an important role in American society today.

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## Reasons for Emigration from Hessen-Hanau

There were a variety of factors that motivated people to emigrate from Hessen-Hanau to America in the 18th century. Some of the most common reasons included:

- **Economic opportunity:** Germany was a relatively poor country in the 18th century, and many people were struggling to make a living. America, on the other hand, was seen as a land of opportunity, where anyone could find work and make a good living.
- **Religious freedom:** The state church in Hessen-Hanau was Lutheran, and there was a great deal of religious intolerance at the time. Many people who did not belong to the state church were persecuted, and some were even forced to leave the country. America, on the other hand, was a

much more tolerant country, where people were free to practice their own religion.

- **Political oppression:** The government in Hessen-Hanau was very authoritarian, and there was little opportunity for political dissent. Many people who spoke out against the government were arrested, imprisoned, or even executed. America, on the other hand, was a much more democratic country, where people had the right to vote and to express their opinions freely.
- **War and violence:** The 18th century was a time of great upheaval in Europe, and Hessen-Hanau was no exception. The country was involved in several wars, and there was a great deal of violence and destruction. Many people were killed or injured in the fighting, and many others were left homeless. America, on the other hand, was a much more peaceful country, where people could live in safety and security.

- **Family reunification:** Many people emigrated from Hessen-Hanau to America in order to be reunited with family members who had already settled there. This was especially common among young people, who were often eager to start a new life in a new country.

These are just some of the reasons why people emigrated from Hessen-Hanau to America in the 18th century. The decision to leave one's home country was never an easy one, but for many people, it was the only way to improve their lives and the lives of their families.

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## The Journey to America

The journey to America was a long and arduous one for the emigrants from Hessen-Hanau. They would often travel for months on crowded and unsanitary ships, with little food or water. Many died along the way from disease or starvation.

Those who survived the journey often arrived in America sick and exhausted. They had to quickly find work and a place to live in a new and unfamiliar country. Many German immigrants settled in the Midwest, where they could find work as farmers or laborers. Others settled in cities, where they worked in factories or shops.

Despite the challenges they faced, the German immigrants from Hessen-Hanau quickly made a new life for themselves in America. They learned English,

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adopted American customs, and became citizens. They also contributed to the development of American culture and society.

German immigrants played a major role in the American Revolution. They fought on both sides of the conflict, but many ultimately sided with the Americans. German immigrants also played a major role in the development of the American economy. They were instrumental in the growth of agriculture, industry, and commerce.

In the 19th century, German immigrants continued to arrive in America in large numbers. They were attracted by the promise of economic opportunity and religious freedom. German immigrants also played a major role in the American Civil War. They fought on both sides of the conflict, but many ultimately sided with the Union.

After the war, German immigrants continued to make significant contributions to American society. They

were instrumental in the development of public education, the arts, and the sciences. German immigrants also played a major role in the labor movement.

Today, German-Americans are one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States. They have made significant contributions to American culture and society in all areas of life.

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