

## German American Ethnogenesis

- 1683 First Bavarians (Old Germany) settled in Germantown (later renamed Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- 1745 By this date there were approximately 45,000 Germans settled in the Colony of Pennsylvania (Quakers, Mennonites, Amish, Brethren, Bavarians, and other). (Half of the colonial German immigrants arrived as indentured servants.)
- 1763 Catherine the Great, the Czarina, invites Germans to settle in the Russian Ukraine where many remained for about one hundred years until the new Czar, Alexander II, Catherine's grandson, introduced compulsory military draft of 20 years. Most of these Russian Germans would then immigrate to Kansas/Nebraska where they became successful farmers, introducing "turkey red winter wheat" to the national economy.
- 1820-1910 Five and one-half million German immigrants would arrive in America with the majority of these settling in the Midwest especially the Mississippi Valley