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German Immigration & Dayton Breweries

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Research Questions:

What are the reasons German Immigrants were able to dominate in the brewing industries? What had caused there to be so many German Immigrants in the Dayton area?

Background:

- Laginger in 15th Century Germany
- 1852 Lager came to Dayton, John and Michael Schiml.
- 1840 first lager yeast came to the US
- Started wave of German breweries; quickly came to Dayton
- The Dayton Breweries Company
- 5,816 German Immigrants on 1910 Census; #1 Immigrant population



Oehlschlager House

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Oehlschlager Family:

- John F. Oehlschlager (52)
- Worked for the Dayton Ale Brewery. Gem City Ale House, and manager of The Schantz & Schwind Brewing Co. located on 807 S Perry
- Elizabeth (46) and Edna (23) Oehlschlager; unemployed
- Wm Oehlschlager (26) bookkeeper at The Schantz & Schwind Brewing Co.
- Lived on 348 Park Dr., upper middle class family, 4,527 Sq. ft.

German Immigration:

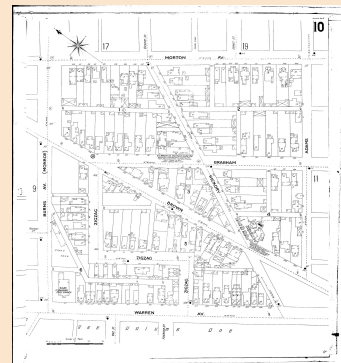
- More economic opportunities
- Immigrants found an economic niche
- Escaping political or religious persecution
- Immigration wave between 1830 and WWI

The numbers of nationalities represented in Dayton as reported in the 1910 census were

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|---------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Austria | 660 | Italy | 356(now 3,000) |
| Canada | 552 | Russia | 1,526 |
| England | 461 | Scotland | 140 |
| France | 93 | Sweden | 42 |
| Germany | 5,816 | Switzerland | 118 |
| Hungary | 2,761 (now 5 to 6,000) | Turkey | 215 |
| Greece | 47 (now 700) | Others | 175 |
| Ireland | 974 | | |

Conclusions:

- Dayton Breweries started to take off with Germans
- The Germans had the economy booming with their lager.
- Families were able to hold their own and provide for their families; success German families had in the brewing industries.
- German population had been silenced
- No one was really discriminatory against the Germans until around WWI, WWII, and the Prohibition which had caused most of the breweries to shut down.
- Breweries starting to make a huge comeback in Dayton
- The Carillon Brewing Company
- More research needs to be done



Sanborn Map of Dayton
Ale Brewery