

Germans were among the first settlers in Newark. Decade after decade more sons of the "father-land" came to the growing city. Here industry and thoroughness, two inborn characteristics of the German race, found opportunity waiting. Many prominent business houses were originally founded and successfully developed by German immigrants.

In a cultural sense Newark owes a great deal to its German-American inhabitants. The "Turnvereins" called attention to the necessity of body training for growing youth and played an important role in the introduction of physical training in public schools.

Appreciation for the fine art of choral singing was engendered by the song-loving Germans. Around 1900 there were numerous singing societies in the city, which by concerts or saengerfests, demonstrated the beauty of song when rendered by a large chorus of voices.

OLD GERMAN SECTION

Although German-Americans now reside in practically all parts of the city, the neighborhood of Springfield avenue, from Tenth street to city line, still retains the characteristics of a German section.

Here may be found stores selling German delicacies and merchandise, butcher shops specializing in all types of "wurst," prepared in old country style, and taverns and club houses, where groups gather to sing quaint German folk songs over steins

of foaming beer. "Wie Geht's" (how are you?) may be heard on many occasions when passersby meet.

The first Germans settled in Newark around 1810. Most were small tradesmen and farmers, who left Europe after the turmoil caused by the Thirty Years' War.

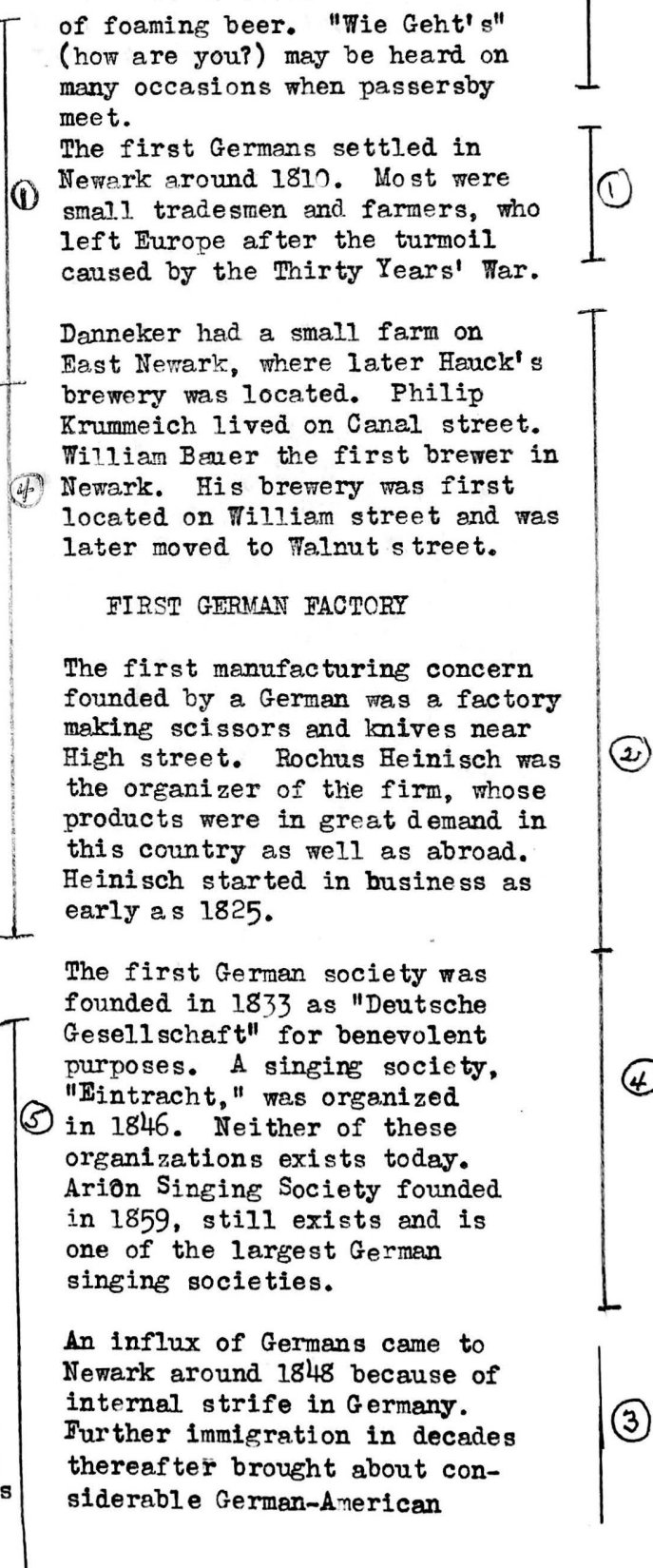
Danneker had a small farm on East Newark, where later Hauck's brewery was located. Philip Krummeich lived on Canal street. William Bauer the first brewer in Newark. His brewery was first located on William street and was later moved to Walnut street.

FIRST GERMAN FACTORY

The first manufacturing concern founded by a German was a factory making scissors and knives near High street. Rochus Heinisch was the organizer of the firm, whose products were in great demand in this country as well as abroad. Heinisch started in business as early as 1825.

The first German society was founded in 1833 as "Deutsche Gesellschaft" for benevolent purposes. A singing society, "Eintracht," was organized in 1846. Neither of these organizations exists today. Ariön Singing Society founded in 1859, still exists and is one of the largest German singing societies.

An influx of Germans came to Newark around 1848 because of internal strife in Germany. Further immigration in decades thereafter brought about considerable German-American



influence in public affairs.
In 1878 W. H. Fieldler, a
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