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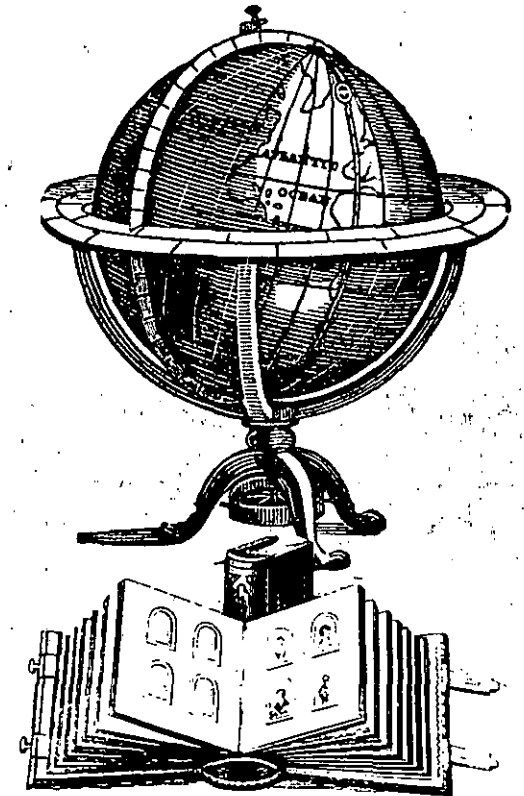
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THE GERMAN HERITAGE OF LOUISIANA



WE INVITE YOU TO HELP
 CELEBRATE THE
 GERMAN CONTRIBUTION
 TO LOUISIANA.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

German speaking peoples have been in Louisiana since the 1720s. They brought their culture, traditions, work ethic and love of family and religion, which helped shape Louisiana's destiny.

The early German immigrants were farmers who settled on the German Coast in St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles parishes. Their farms helped feed the emerging colony of New Orleans. Their arrival in a French speaking community forced their German names to become Gallicized. Heidel became Haydel, Himmel became Hymel, Johann Zweig became Jean LaBranche.

Throughout the 1800s, German immigrants came by the thousands. They were engineers, doctors, lawyers, musicians and architects. They were artisans, shop keepers, bakers, blacksmiths, shoe makers, florists and brewmasters. German engineers designed and built the waterworks and railway lines. Many of the beautiful homes in the Garden District were designed and built by Germans.

Louisiana's German heritage includes contributions from Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, Alsace-Lorraine, Southern Tyrol and other German speaking countries and regions of Europe. Descendants from these early settlers still inhabit these parishes today.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

The German-American Cultural Center is a cooperative endeavor between Jefferson Parish and the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The Center is one of several National Park Units established by Congressional mandate to interpret the rich cultural diversity of Louisiana.



THE FRIENDS

The purpose of the Friends is to promote and support the German-American Cultural Center in its efforts to interpret the unique German immigrant contribution to Louisiana's history. Incorporated in 1995, the Friends are a non-profit, non-political organization which looks at "german" in terms of historical cultural traditions, and not in present political boundaries.

The goals of the Friends are to:

- encourage and support research, preservation and celebration of this rich heritage

- publish a newsletter and informational brochures
- observe German-American Day on October 6.
- network with other German American organizations, such as:
 - American Association of Teachers of German
 - Bayou Stein Verein
 - Deutsches Haus
 - German-Acadian Coast Historical and Genealogical Society
 - German Heritage Festival Assn.
 - German Heritage Cultural and Genealogical Society of LA
 - German Seamen's Mission
 - Schlaraffia Nova Orleana
 - Settlers of Robert's Cove
 - Society for German-American Studies
 - United German-American Committee of the U.S.A.
- Other historical, educational and German-American organizations and associations.

The Friends cherish the cultural diversity of Louisiana and invite you to participate as a member.

