

## **German Names were Anglicized**

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As we research names, we should include all the spellings and possible variables. It is believed that the largest groups of immigrants to come to America were from the German palatinate along the Rhine River. Many German names were anglicized, or made into English form or character. An example is the English equivalent of Juan is John.

The long surnames including umlauts (a mark used as a vowel and were two dots over a letter). German surnames are simple words, really. Like Mr. Schwartz is anglicized to Mr. Black.