The Germans in Quebec
Their Churches

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The Germans in Québec

Among the Germanic people who emigrated to Québec, we find those who fought with the Imperial Army during the British Conquest of 1759 plus those who fought for the British during the wars of the American Revolution and of 1812. An appreciable number of these Germanic soldiers settled into Québec once their tours of duty were concluded. Other German immigrants who spoke some forms of the German language originated from various principalities, dukedoms, electorates, counties, landgraviates, margraviates of Germany but also from surrounding kingdoms such as Prussia, Silesia, Bohemia, Hungary, Poland, Austria, United Netherlands, Austrian Netherlands, Switzerland, Palatinate, Strasbour and Luxembourg.

The first German pioneer in Québec was Hans Bernath, he would purchase a small two acres of land outside of the fortified village of Québec in 1664. Other Germans including soldiers settled in Nouvelle France during the 17th century.

In June of 1776, about 40 military and transport ships from England arrived at the Port of Québec. 9,000 soldiers disembarked. 7 British Regiments from Northern Ireland, 2,000 soldiers from the Dukedom of Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel, 700 soldiers from the County of Hesse-Hanau.

At the conclusion of the American Revolution conflict, about 2,500 German soldiers would settle into Québec and Ontario. Among those, we note a Frédéric Haldimand, a young Swiss officer, born of German parents who would later become the second Governor of Canada. Governor Haldimand would become a leading force in the allocation of lands for thousand of British Loyalists following the American Revolution.

By 1828, large numbers of German immigrants were beginning to arrive at the Port of Québec from the Germanic regions of Central Europe (Germany was not yet a unified country). By the end of the 1830s these immigrant families were arriving from the Archduchy of Austria, the Electorate of Bayern (Bavaria), the Landgraviate of Hesse-Darmstadt, the Province of Elsass-Lothringen (Alsace-Lorraine), the Duchy of Holstein, the Duchy of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the County of Baden-Würettemberg, and the German settlements in the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

By 1850, about 12,000 to 13,000 German immigrant families had arrived in Canada.
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Hessian Soldier
Canadians of German ethnicity - As per the 2006 Canadian census, the number of Canadians of German ethnicity: **3,179,425**


Allemands du Québec (ethnie) -


Les Mercenaires allemands au Québec 1776-1783 - Jean-Pierre Wilhelmy -
http://www.septentrion.qc.ca/catalogue/mercenaires-allemands-au-quebec-1776-1783-ne-les

Le Régime britannique 1760-1840 -
http://www.axi.cefan.ulaval.ca/francophonie/HISTfrQC_s2_Brittannique.htm

Henry Christophe Sickmann -
http://www.100megsfree2.com/jjscherr/jacques/SigmanInfo.htm

Johann Becker - http://www.maloney.ca/doc_0_johannbeck.html


Immigrants to Canada - http://jubilation.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/thevoyage.html

Montreal Emigrant Society Passage Book (1832) -
http://www.collectionscanada.qc.ca/databases/mes//001037-100.01-e.php

Vessels Arriving at the Port of Québec 1860s -
http://jubilation.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/ships.html
This research guide will only address the presence of Germanic families among Protestant and Catholic churches and parishes from 1759 onward. During the period of Nouvelle France from 1664 to 1759, a limited number of immigrants from Germany and surrounding kingdoms settled into Nouvelle France. Some of these immigrants can be found among the parish registers of the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Québec (1621-1941) see: http://institutdrouin.com/microfilms/qc-q.html and the Église Notre-Dame de Montréal (1642-1942) see: http://institutdrouin.com/microfilms/qc-mtl--c-a-sac.html - In order to determine precisely where and when German immigrants settled into Nouvelle France, I recommend a book by Dominique Richot, entitled; Les Allemands en Nouvelle-France - richotd@videotron.ca
*The churches under British North America (Québec) - Lower Canada - Québec*

1759 - **Germanic Catholics - Parish of Notre-Dame** - Montréal - *BAnQ* films from #1173 to #1199 (1759-1881), from #1100a to #1140a (1881-1941) - see: [http://institutdrouin.com/microfilms/qc-mtl-c-a-sac.html](http://institutdrouin.com/microfilms/qc-mtl-c-a-sac.html) - *Drouin-Pépin Collection* (1759-1941) - *Ancestry.ca* (1759-1941) - [http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/504.html](http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/504.html)

1761 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Charles de Bellechasse - St-Charles-de-Bellechasse - County of Bellechasse - *BAnQ* films #3119, #1024, #1025, #1026, #1027, #M-319.12 (1749-1940) - *Drouin-Pépin Collection* (1749-1940) - *Ancestry.ca* (1749-1940) - [http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/967.html](http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/967.html)

1766 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Notre-Dame - Québec City - *BAnQ* films #3144 to #3146 (1766-1799) #1611 to #1617 (1759-1832) #1696 to #1699 (1832-1848) #1600a to #1606a (1848-1940) #1663b (1941) #1653b (1766) - *Drouin-Pépin Collection* (1761-1941) - *Ancestry.ca* (1761-1941) - [http://www.maloneys.ca/doc_0_johannbeck.html](http://www.maloneys.ca/doc_0_johannbeck.html) or [http://www.100megsfree2.com/jjscherr/jacques/SigmanInfp.htm](http://www.100megsfree2.com/jjscherr/jacques/SigmanInfp.htm) or [http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/923.html](http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/923.html)

1773 - **Dutch and German Loyalists - Church of England Circuit Ministry** - Caldwell's Manor - Clarenceville (St. George) - Noyan - County of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu - The Missionary Circuit of the Church of England was organized in 1805 - Prior to that date, Anglican ministers from Montréal were infrequent visitors to the region - *QFHS* book #REF-GS-152.3 Vol 1 & 2 (1815-1851 under the heading of Caldwell Manor & Christie Manor Episcopal Circuit Ministry) - *BAnQ* films #3231, #3232, #3253, #3254, #3255, #3256, #3257, #3258, #3259, #M-128.42, #M-128.43 (1815-1940) - *Drouin-Pépin Collection* (1815-1940) - *Ancestry.ca* (1815-1940) - In 1880, Dutch families numbered 121, German families numbered 110 - *BAnQ* - Noyan Anglican Cemetery book of burials #1454 (1800-1935) - [www.lowensteyn.com/dutchque/early.html](http://www.lowensteyn.com/dutchque/early.html) or [http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Monuments/Caldwell-Manor-Plaque.php](http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Monuments/Caldwell-Manor-Plaque.php) or [http://www.theshufelts.net/shufeltgen3.htm](http://www.theshufelts.net/shufeltgen3.htm)

1776-1783 - **Germanic Soldiers in Québec** - Les Mercenaires Allemands au Québec - A book by Jean-Pierre Wilhelmy, about the Germanic Mercenaries who fought for the British from 1776 to 1883 and would settle in various regions of the province, mainly in Drummond, Bagot, Richmond, Nicolet, Wolfe, Shefford counties - Most were Catholics or became Catholics, some were Protestants or became Protestants. The Anglican Church within this central region of Québec was the predominant Protestant denomination - The Congregationalists were also...
present for many years within this region - ISBN 9782894485828 - Livres
Québécois.com www.livresquebecois.com

1783 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Rivière du Loup (Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue) - Louiseville - County of Maskinongé - An appreciable number of German soldiers from the County of Hesse-Hanau, settled into the region of Rivière-du-Loup, the latter known today as Louiseville - BAnQ films #1143c, #1144c, #2525, #2526, #2527, #2528, #2529, #2530, #M-149.24, #M-149.64, #M-149.65, #M-202.1 (1714-1941) - **Drouin-Pépin Collection** (1714-1942) - Ancestry.ca (1714-1942) - http://leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1728.html or http://www.myerchin.org/ImmigrantAncestJBSchiller.html


1783 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Roch-des-Aulnaies - Village des Aulnaies - County of Montmagny - The Eschemback family from Wurtzburg in Bavaria settled in Saint-Roch des Aulnaies, other German families were likely present within the village and the nearby village of L'Islet - BAnQ films #3316, #1059, #1060, #1061, #1062, #1063, #M.319.7 (1734-1940) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1734-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1734-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1298.html - Les immigrants allemands - http://www.histoirequebec.qc.ca/index1.asp?id=1015

1784 - **Germanic Anglicans** - Garrison Church & Holy Trinity Church & Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral & Metropolitan Church - Québec City - BAnQ films #1625b & #1626b (1797-1871 under Garrison Church) #1612b, #1613b (1859-1940 under Holy Trinity Anglican Church) #1608b to #1612b (1796-1875 under Holy Triniy Cathedral) #1657b, #1658b (1784-1794 under Metropolitan Church) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1784-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1784-1940) - http://www.100megsfree2.com/jjscherr/jacques/SigmanInfo.htm

1786 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint Thomas - Montmagny - County of Montmagny - BAnQ films #3114, #1015 to #1020, #M-319.9, #M-319.10 (1786-1940) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1786-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1786-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1255.html
1786 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse - St-Michel de Bellechasse - County of Bellechasse - BAQC films #3111, #3112, #3146, #1047 to #1050, #M-319.5, #M-319.6 (1786-1940) - **Drouin-Pépin Collection** (1786-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1786-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1033.html

1786 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière - La Pocatière - County of Montmagny - BAQC films #3115, #1830 to #1833, #M-319.1 (1787-1940) - **Drouin-Pépin Collection** (1786-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1786-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1252.html

1787 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Michel de Percé - Percé - County of Gaspé - BAQC films #3049, #3062, #3063 (1801-1941) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1801-1941) - Ancestry.ca (1801-1941) - http://www.maloneys.ca/doc_0_johannbeck.html or http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/267.html

1788 - **Germanic Anglicans** - Anglican Church Services in German - Church of the Récollet Fathers - Christ Church Cathedral - Anglican Garrison Church - Montréal - Rev. John Doty, presiding - BAQC films #1110c to #1114c, #M-336.1 to #M-336.6, #M-336.8, #1172d, #1173d (1788-1941) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1788-1941) - Ancestry.ca (1788-1941) - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christ_Church_Cathedral_(Montreal)

1788 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Joseph - St. Joseph-de-Beauce - County of Beauce - BAQC films #3120, #742 to #746 (1788-1940) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1788-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1788-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1016.html

1790 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-François - Beauceville - County of Beauce - BAQC films #3120, #3121, #700 to #705, #M-322.3 (1790-1940) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1790-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1790-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/841.html

1791 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Purification - Paspébiac - County of Bonaventure - BAQC films 3074 (1791-1811 & 1839-1864) #1210 to #1212 (1826-1940) -
1793 - **Dutch and German Loyalists** - Lutheran Evangelical Church Records in New York State and the State of New Jersey - 1793 to 1832 - http://my.tbaytel.net/martin/lutheran.htm

1797 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Nicholas - Lévis - County of Lévis - BAnQ films #3121, #1684 to #1687, #1661b (1797-1941) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1797-1941) - Ancestry.ca (1797-1941) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1037.html

1797 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Saint-Nicholas - Lévis - County of Lévis - BAnQ films #3121, #1684 to #1687, #1661b (1797-1941) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1797-1941) - Ancestry.ca (1797-1941) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1037.html

1798 - **Dutch and German Loyalists** - Saint George's Anglican - Clarenceville, Noyan - County of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu - This parish included at some points preaching points in Henryville (St. Mark's), Noyan (St. Thomas) - Anglican Archives Montreal Diocese (1815-1915) - BAnQ films M-124.3, #3231, #3232, #3253, #3255 to #3259 (1815-1942) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1815-1942) - Ancestry.ca (1815-1942) - http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Find-a-Parish/Search-Parishes?page=4

1798 - **Dutch and German Loyalists** - Saint Paul's Anglican - Philipsburg - County of Mississquoi - BAnQ films #3247, #3248, #3257, M-347.1, M-347.3, M-347.4 (1809-1942) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1809-1942) - Ancestry.ca (1809-1942) - http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Find-a-Parish/Search-Parishes?page=7

1804 - **Germanic Catholics** - Parish of Trois-Rivières - Église Immaculée Conception - Trois-Rivières - County of St-Maurice - BAnQ films #1143c (1804-1942) #2540 (1804-1813), #2541 to #2551 (1814-1940) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1804-1940) - Ancestry.ca (1804-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1778.html or http://www.100megsfree2.com/jjscher/jacques/SigmanInfo.htm

1807 - **Dutch and German Loyalists** - Anglican Mission - Lingwick & Piopolis - County of Compton - In 1807, a few Dutch or German families, Loyalists settled into two hamlets within Compton county by the names of Piopolis and Lingwick - Anglican Archives Québec Diocese in Lennoxville - archivist@quebec.anglican.ca

1815 - **Dutch and German Loyalists** - Church of England Circuit Ministry - Henryville - Clarenceville - County of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu - With preaching points in Clarenceville, Lacolle, Noyan, Odelltown, Caldwell Manor, Christie Manor - BAnQ films #3231, #3232, M-128.42, M-128.43 (1815-1942) - Drouin-Pépin Collection (1815-1942) - Ancestry.ca (1815-1942) - http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Find-a-Parish/Search-Parishes?page=4
1817 - Germanic Catholics - Parish Saint-Gilles de Lotbinière - St-Gilles - County of Lotbinière - \textit{BAnQ} films #1662, #1663, #1661b, #M-138.13, #M-138.14 (1830-1941) - \textit{Drouin-Pépin Collection} (1830-1941) - \textit{Ancestry.ca} (1830-1941) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1002.html


1833 - Germanic Catholics - Parish of Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce - Ste-Marie-de-Beauce - County of Beauce - \textit{BAnQ} films #3119, #3120, #750 to #754, #M-322.7 (1833-1941) - \textit{Drouin-Pépin Collection} (1833-1941) - \textit{Ancestry.ca} (1833-1941) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/1030.html

1847 - Germanic Catholics - Parish of Sainte-Anne-de-Restigouche - Listiguj - Ristigouche - County of Bonaventure - \textit{BAnQ} films #1213, #1214, #M-177.5, #M-177.19 (1847-1940) - \textit{Drouin-Pépin Collection} (1847-1940) - \textit{Ancestry.ca} (1847-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/271a.html

1852 - Germanic Catholics - Parish of Saint-Elzéar-de-Beauce - St-Elzéar - County of Beauce - \textit{BAnQ} films #727, #728, #M-322.2 (1852-1940) - \textit{Drouin-Pépin Collection} (1852-1940) - \textit{Ancestry.ca} (1852-1940) - http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/976.html

1853 - German Lutherans - Sankt Johannes Evangelischen Lutherischen Gemeinde - The German Church - Montréal - Those who served; Rev. H.C. Haler, Rev. George Werner, Rev. C.F.W. Rechemberg, Rev. H. Ongerth - In 1853, members of the German Church were worshipping at St. Mark's Anglican Parish on St-Dominique street in Old Montréal - In 1855, members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church worshipped at St. Gabriel Street Church in Old Montréal, a leading Presbyterian Church - After November 1, 1858, the congregation of Sankt Johannes Evangelischen Lutherischen Gemeinde moved into their own church building at 129 St-Dominique street, near Charlotte Lane, opposite the St. Lawrence Market (Marché Saint-Laurent) - The present church building was opened in 1907 at 3594 Jeanne-Mance street and to this day, St. John's Lutheran is one of the leading Protestant church in Montréal - \textit{BAnQ} films #1128d, #1129d, #M-336.29, #M-336.30 (1855-1942) - \textit{Drouin-Pépin Collection} (1855-1942) - \textit{Ancestry.ca} (1855-1942) -

1860 - Dutch and German Families (Loyalist descendants) - Seigneurie de Saint-Armand (Seigniory of St. Armand) - Cadastre Abrégé - QFHS Reference Section - Cadastres Abrégés #REF-AD-151.4 C33 - 24 pages of names of families, lots #, location of lots and size of lots

1861 - German Lutherans - Sankt Paulus Evangelisch Lutherischen Gemeinde Kirche - Bowman - County of Papineau - Organized in 1861 - Town is now referred to as Poltimore (Tri-parish with Buckingham & Inlet) - contact: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Gatineau (Buckingham) - http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations


1861 - German Lutherans - Rev. Ludwig Herman Gerndt - Pontiac County - Church records from 1861 to 1890 compiled by Rev. Ludwig Herman Gerndt, Lutheran Circuit Rider to the Upper Ottawa Valley and Pontiac County - 2,000 names, 82 pages - Compiled by Daniel J. Farber, Franz Kapeller, Jean Ringhofer - ISBN 0968367305 - Publisher: National Capital Genealogy Club - http://web.ncf.ca/ac282/parish.html
1873 - **German Lutherans** - Sankt Matthaeus Gemeinde Evangelish Lutherischen - Mulgrave - Derry - Inlet - County of Papineau - Organized in 1873 and still active in 2013 as a mission field of **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Gatineau (Buckingham)** [http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations](http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations) - **BAnQ** film #M-122.22 (1875-1882) - **German Settlements Township of Mulgrave-Derry** - A book by **Alice Biehler Burich** [http://www.gettextbooks.co.in/author/Alice_Biehler_Burich](http://www.gettextbooks.co.in/author/Alice_Biehler_Burich)

1873 - **German Lutherans** - Zion Gemeinde Evangelischen Lutherischen - Ponsonby - County of Papineau - Mission no longer in existence - **BAnQ** film #M-122.22 (1875-1882) - contact; **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Gatineau (Buckingham)** [http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations](http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations)

1879 - **German Lutherans** - Saint Paul Evangelical Church - Poltimore - County of Papineau - A shortlived Lutheran parish, see: **Elmer Iseler, Choral Visionary,Google books** [http://books.google.ca/books?isbn=1459714814](http://books.google.ca/books?isbn=1459714814) - or contact; **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Gatineau (Buckingham)** [http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations](http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations) - see also a book by **Ann Schurr** entitled; **German settlements of High Falls and Poltimore** - 613-744-2060 - [aschn@rogers.com](mailto:aschn@rogers.com) - **The Hofbräohaus News** - 613-748-6655 - [http://www.thehbhnews.ca/WebContent/WebPages/Home.html](http://www.thehbhnews.ca/WebContent/WebPages/Home.html)

1931 - **Germanic Catholics** - Saint Boniface German Catholic Rectory - Montréal - Organized in 1931 at 3760, avenue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville - 514-849-8574 - **BAnQ** film #1100b (1931-1941) - **Drouin-Pépin Collection** (1931-1941) - **Ancestry.ca** (1931-1941) - **stbonifacemtl@bellnet.ca** - [http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/571.html](http://www.leseglisesdemonquartier.com/571.html)


1948 - **German Lutherans** - **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** - Gatineau (Buckingham) - County of Gatineau - Organized in 1948 in the town of Buckingham (city of Gatineau) - 819-986-5502 - **tri-parish@videotron.ca** - **Lutheran Churches Eastern Canada** [http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations](http://lcceast.ca/directories/congregations)
1959 - German Evangelical Church - Onward Gospel Church - German Pentecostal
Church (Full Gospel Assembly) - Lachine - Located at 5060 Sir George Simpson in Lachine - 514-637-4766 - fulquiv@sympatico.ca - www.fgal.org