

## FAMOUS GERMAN-AMERICANS

<b>Birth Name (German)</b>	<b>Occupation / Known For:</b>
Ella Geisman	movie star
Betty Joan Perske	movie star
Doris Kappelhoff	singer, movie star
Henry John Deutschendorf	singer
Maria Magdalena Losch	singer, movie star
Robert Alan Zimmermann	singer
Hedwig Kiesler	society columnist
Erik Weiss	entertainer/stuntman
Joshua Harrsch	minister
Frederick Louis Maitag	inventor
Lester Gillis	gangster
Louella Oettinger	society columnist
John Pförschin	military general
Arthur Flegenheimer	gangster
Heinrich Steinweg	musical instrument maker
Heinrich Hilgard	business entrepreneur
Bruno Walter Schlesinger	symphony conductor
Shirley Schrift	actress
Sarah Jane Fulks	actress
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<b>Birth Name (German):</b>	<b>Name Changed To:</b>
Ella Geisman	June Allyson
Betty Joan Perske	Lauren Bacall
Doris Kappelhoff	Doris Day
Henry John Deutschendorf	John Denver
Maria Magdalena Losch	Marlene Dietrich
Robert Alan Zimmermann	Bob Dylan
Hedwig Kiesler	Hedy Lamarr
Erik Weiss	Harry Houdini
Joshua Harrsch	Joshua von Kocherthal
Frederick Louis Maitag	Frederick Louis Maytag
Lester Gillis	Baby Face Nelson
Louella Oettinger	Louella Parsons
John Pförschin	John Pershing
Arthur Flegenheimer	Dutch Schulz
Heinrich Steinweg	Heinrich Steinway
Heinrich Hilgard	Heinrich Villard (G.E.)
Bruno Walter Schlesinger	Bruno Walter
Shirley Schrift	Shelly Winters
Sarah Jane Fulks	Jane Wyman
Gretchen Belzer	Loretta Young

**Noted Individuals From Germany or of German Descent**

NAME	CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. CULTURE
John Jacob Astor	Fur trader, established the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, city of Astoria, Oregon, and the New York Public Library
Frederick William Augustus Henry Ferdinand Baron von Steuben	Revolutionary War general
Frank L. Baum	Wrote the Wizard of Oz
Emile Berliner	Invented gramophone and recorded first sound on a flat disk
Werner von Braun	Developed the Saturn 5 rockets
Leopold Damrosch (father)	Established the New York Symphony
Walter Damrosch (son)	New York Metropolitan Opera
Christopher Dock	Introduced blackboards in schools in 1714
Julius Eichber	Established the Boston Conservatory of Music
Albert Einstein	Developed the Theory of Relativity
Arthur Flegenheimer (Dutch Schultz)	Gangster
Gottlieb Graupner	Father of orchestral music in America
Oscar Hammerstein	Established the Harlem, Manhattan, Olympia and Victoria opera houses
Molly (Pitcher Ludwig Hass	Revolutionary War Heroine
Friedrich Hecker	Commander in Civil War
Nicolaus Herckheimer	Revolutionary War general
Heinrich (Villard) Hilgard	Founded General Electric
Paul Hindemith	Composer, conductor and musicologist
Abraham Jacobi	Father of American Pediatrics
Johannes de Kalb	Revolutionary War general
William Knabe	Piano maker
Joshua von Kochertal	Established Newburgh, New York with German settlement
Carl Laemmle	Established Independent Motion Picture Company which became Universal Studios
Emmanuel Leutze	Painted picture of Washington Crossing the Delaware
Johann Menninger	Descendants established Menninger Clinic in Kansas
Ottmar Mergenthaler	Invented the Linotype machine used for typesetting

Heinrich Melchior Müllenberg	Patriarch of German Lutheranism in America
Johann Peter Müllenberg	Revolutionary War general
Charles & Hugo Nahl	Drawings depicting California Gold Rush
Thomas Nast	Created the donkey and elephant mascots for the Democratic and Republican parties.
Robert Oppenheimer	Developed the atomic bomb
Francis Daniel Pastorius	Established Germantown, Pennsylvania with group of German Mennonites
Louis Prang	Created Christmas Cards
Georg Karl Ludwig Preuss (Charles)	Completed first maps of the area between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean. Constructed a map of the Oregon Trail
August Ringling	His sons formed the Ringling Brothers Circus
David Rittenhausen	Determine the exact distance from the earth to the sun
Johann Peter Rockefeller	Immigrant ancestor of Rockefeller family
John Augustus Roebling	Invented the wire cables used in suspension bridges. He built the Niagara Falls and Brooklyn Bridges
George Herman Ruth	Baseball Hall of Fame
Christopher Saur	Printed first Bible in the American colonies
Bruno Walter (Schlesinger)	Conductor
Carl Schurz	Campaigned for Lincoln, major general in military, Secretary of Interior and editor of New York Evening Post.
Mrs. Carl Schurz	Established first Kindergarten in Watertown, Wis. in 1856 (Kindergarten first established in Germany in 1837)
Heinrich Steinweg (Steinway)	Piano maker
Levi Straus	Manufactured Levi Jeans
John Augustus Sutter,	Gold Rush at Sutter's Mill
Rube Waddel	Baseball Hall of Fame
Robert F. Wagner	co-initiated the Social Security Act
Frederick Weyerhaeuser	Lumber king
Florenz Ziegfeld	Established the Ziegfeld Follies