

Chapter 7 City Of Immigrants

Why did they come?

- Persecution
- Economic troubles
- Political unrest
- Promise of industrial jobs

Milwaukee skyline was a “thicket of churches.”

Catholic * Protestant * Jewish * Greek Orthodox

1. Polish immigrants (Poles, from Poland) -were “in the vanguard”
 - a. Mitchell St - Polish Grand Avenue
 - b. Brady Street - Lower East Side
 - c. Jones Island - urban fishing village
 - d. Established St. Stanislaus in 1866
 - e. Converted cottages to Polish flats
 - f. St. Josaphat Church
 - Was made from old Chicago Post Office, dismantled brick by brick.
 - Became a basilica.
 - Had the 2nd highest dome in U.S.
 - g. Contrast in scale – Polish churches and Polish flats
2. Irish immigrants (Irish, from Ireland)
 - a. Moved west to Merrill Park after 1892 Third Ward fire
 - b. Worked for Milwaukee Road railroad
3. Italian immigrants (Italians, from Italy)
 - a. Mostly from Sicily
 - b. Street trade, sold fruits and vegetables from pushcarts
 - c. Wholesale houses on Broadway, in Third Ward
4. Greek immigrants (Greeks, from Greece)
 - a. Mostly bachelors
 - b. Built Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
5. Jewish immigrants (Jews are from many places. These were mostly from Eastern Europe.)
 - a. Established 7 synagogues
 - b. Established Milwaukee Jewish Settlement House
 - c. Lizzie Kander – Started Settlement House, taught cooking
 - Wrote “Settlement House Cookbook”
 - “the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach”
 - d. Golda Meir - became Prime Minister of Israel