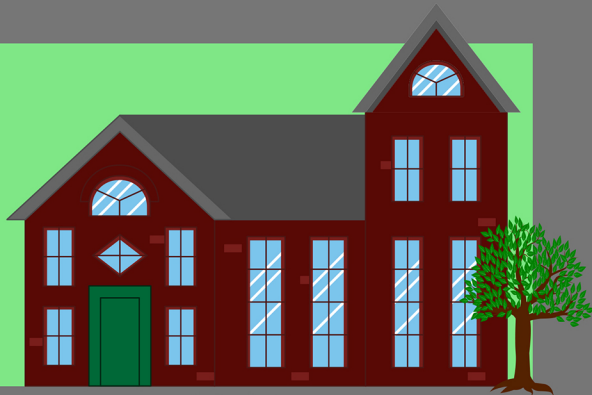


AN IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORHOOD



STORES



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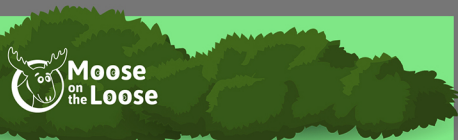


CHURCHES

BUSINESSES

When immigrants came from their home countries to New Hampshire, it could be overwhelming for them. They had to learn a new language and get used to new customs. Many immigrants chose to live in neighborhoods with other people from the same country so they could help each other. For example, in the city of Manchester, there were neighborhoods that were mostly German, Greek, French-Canadian, and Polish.

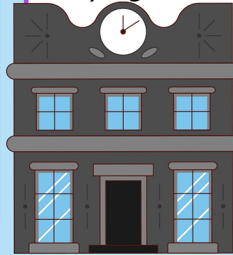
These are some places in a neighborhood that were important for immigrants.





STORES

Just because people moved to another country didn't mean that they didn't want some of the same foods and products they had at home. Neighborhood stores specialized in selling products specific to the neighborhood's culture.

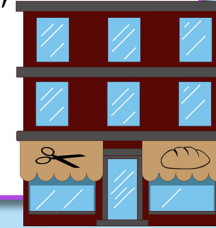


BANKS

Sometimes, immigrants who couldn't speak English had a hard time understanding important information about things like borrowing money or buying a house. Immigrant banks, like St. Mary's in Manchester, did business in their native language.

BUSINESSES

People from around the world have different customs when it comes to things like clothes, hairstyles, and food. Immigrant neighborhoods usually had businesses like tailors, barbers, restaurants, cafes, and even doctors who were familiar with the custom of their native country.



HOUSES

Many immigrants lived in apartment buildings called "triple deckers," meaning they had three floors. Extended families often lived in the same building. Sometimes they even lived in the same apartment!



SCHOOLS

Kids often went to school in their own neighborhood where most of the students, and some of the teachers, spoke the same language. Schools were important because kids often learned English for the first time there and then taught the language to their parents and grandparents.

CHURCHES

Most immigrants were religious and practiced the same religion in New Hampshire as they did in their native country. Neighborhood churches were important parts of the community. Religious leaders helped people with all kinds of problems and held community social events.



STREETS

The street was a very important place to socialize and exchange information. Lots of immigrants lived in apartments without yards, so children would play while parents watched from porches or front steps. Some cafes set up benches and tables on sidewalks where people could have coffee or play games while they talked.



1. If you had just arrived, where would you go in town first besides your house? Why?
2. Which two places do you think helped immigrants the most when they were getting established in New Hampshire?
3. How does an immigrant neighborhood look similar to your neighborhood? How does it look different?