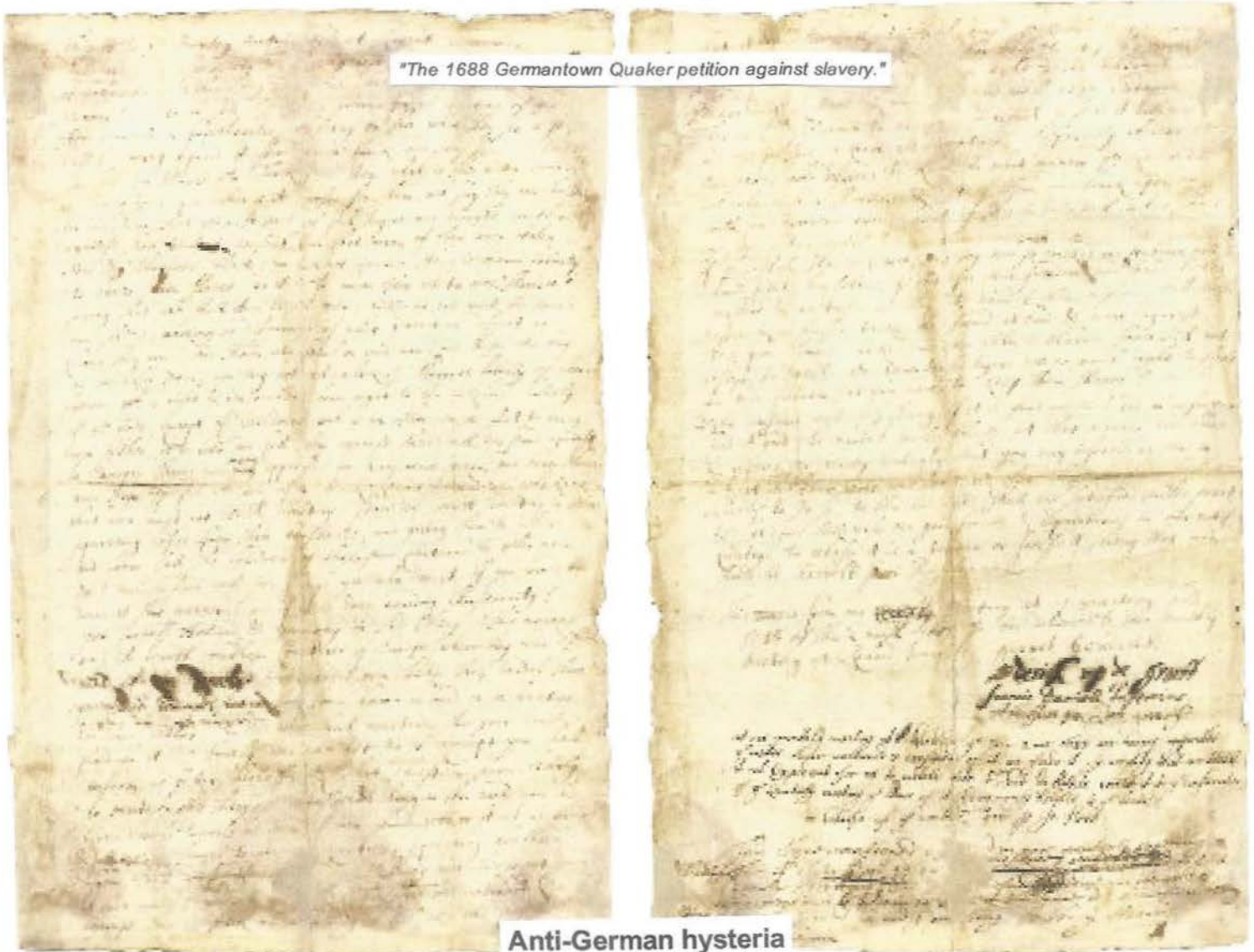


"Bei uns ist immer was los!"

OCTOBER 6, 1987—GERMAN AMERICAN DAY

What the Germans brought to America?



"The 1688 Germantown Quaker petition against slavery."

Anti-German hysteria

"German-American Day" was celebrated in Philadelphia for the first time in 1883 – 200 years after the Krefeld Germans landed in the US.

But when the First World War broke out, celebrations stopped.

During this period, anti-German hysteria reached fever pitch. German-Americans were brutally assaulted, while anything remotely "German" – be it books, music, even street names – was removed or destroyed.

When the War ended, over 400,000 Germans emigrated to the United States, many of them Jews fleeing the rising Nazi party.

But in a bid to hide their ethnicities, many altered their names to sound more American.