



German Migration to South Dorchester, Theodore Malkus, 3 May 2006

Between 1890 and 1910, some 60 farm families, who emigrated from Germany to the Mid-West, were attracted to the rich farmlands of South Dorchester. They had a significant impact on Dorchester's history and development. Theodore Malkus, a life-long resident and farmer in South Dorchester, talks about the farm families of German ancestry that migrated from the Midwest to South Dorchester in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Mr. Malkus, his son, Pat, his brothers and two nephews operated Blackwater Farms, a scattered collection of properties extending from Church Creek to Steel's Neck Road, a business that continues under family management since Ted's retirement. He is a graduate of Cambridge High School, class of 1943, and has been a life-long member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Cambridge. Originally known as Immanuel German Evangelical Church when it was founded in 1894, it is the sole survivor of three "German" churches founded in Dorchester County in the 1890s.