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FOUR SQUARES: THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN GARDEN Vocabulary

Four Square Garden - the shape of the garden planted by the Pennsylvania Germans

Annual - a plant that lives for one year

Bank barn - a type of German barn built on a slight hill or bank which allows easy entry into both lower and upper floors

Chores - working or doing a job

Compost - a mixture of decomposing plants used for fertilizer

Flax - a grass-like plant which can be made into linen cloth

Gourd - the hard fruit of a vine that can be dried into a dipper

Grain - seed of a cereal plants such as wheat or corn

Gristmill - a building in which waterpower is used to grind crops into flour

Harvest - to gather a crop

Herb - a plant used for seasoning in cooking and/or used as a medicine

Limestone - a rock made mostly from sea animal shells; used in building and can be made into lime powder

Linen - cloth made from the fiber of the flax plant

Manure - waste from an animal

Mortar - a bowl in which plant seeds, roots and leaves are crushed with a pestle

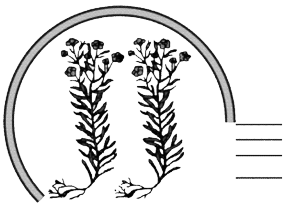
Pennsylvania Germans - people with at least one family member who emigrated to this country from the Rhineland of Germany, France and Switzerland during the 1600s-1700s

Pennsylvania German Farmstead - everything involved in making up a farm, including people, livestock, buildings, and landscape

Perennial - a plant that lives for many years

Pestle - the tool used to crush or grind plant seeds, roots and leaves

Tannery - factory that turned animal hides (skins) into leather



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Online Resources**

Interactive/Games

<http://www.tvokids.com/games/getgrowing>

Interactive video/game showing how gardens get planted and how they grow.