



**Southwark was the oldest district founded by European settlers in Philadelphia because of its inclusion in the former Swedish colony of New Sweden. Southwark was originally a tract of ground on the fast land of the Neck, lying between Passyunk and Wicaco. Due to the populations of the Swedish settlements of Wicaco and Moyamensing, Southwark grew earlier than other parts of Philadelphia county apart from the city proper.**

# **Southwark the seventh largest American town in 1800**

**In 1854, when it was incorporated into the city of Philadelphia by the Act of Consolidation Southwark consisted of the area bounded on the north by South Street, on the west by Passyunk Avenue from 5th and South to 10th and Reed, the boundary then ran along Reed Street, down 7th, and along Mifflin Street to the river.**

**Today the Northern portion of what was Southwark is now called Queen Village. The Southern half is now primarily the neighborhood of Pennsport.**