

## Document A: Newark Anniversary Guide (Excerpt)

*In 1916, Newark celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding. For the occasion, the Newark Sales and Advertising Company published 250,000 copies of the Official Guide and Manual of the Anniversary Celebration. The guide included various articles, pictures, and statistics about the city. Below are excerpts from it.*

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[Newark] has now most of the **adornment** of a great city. Its streets are well paved and well sewered. Its schools greatly enlarged and improved, are among the best. Its beautiful churches are sufficient to give attractive seats to all who would attend. Its superb water supply is not surpassed in quality. It has a public service in light and transportation that is unexcelled. Its public buildings are important and beautiful and if to some its debt may seem small for so great a city, it may be said with confidence that the projects now in sight may be relied upon to remove that cause for criticism. In the variety and extent of its industries it is among the first, and its **enterprising** salesmen make its wares known in every **hamlet** throughout the land.

Newark, thank fortune, is still more or less an old-fashioned city with old-fashioned ways. It has no idle rich. It looks **askance** at extravagant living. It sneers at **ostentation**. It goes to church – not as much as it should, but it remembers that it was founded by religious men for religious reasons. And it stands for the moralities in its private and public life. . . .

Newark has 252 distinct lines of industry; fifty lines each turning out values from one to thirty million dollars annually. Newark as a manufacturing center ranks ahead of thirty states in the aggregate value of its manufactured products. Newark per capita to its population leads in the variety of its manufactures. . . . Wages paid employees average \$747 yearly.

**Source:** *Newark Sales and Advertising Co.*, Official Guide and Manual of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Newark, New Jersey, *Newark, NJ: 1916*

### Vocabulary

adornment: decoration or enhancement  
enterprising: ambitious

hamlet: village  
askance: with suspicion or disapproval  
ostentation: a display of wealth that is intended to attract attention or envy