

GERMAN RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET

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ARCHIVES and LIBRARIES: German Archives and Addresses

- ◆ FS Wiki [http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany Archives and Libraries](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Archives_and_Libraries)
- ◆ Regional genealogical research and information <http://www.ggrs.com/sites/>
- ◆ Ancestors in German Archives, Raymond S. Wright, 2004. At BYU, SLK FHL www.genealogical.com/products/Ancestors%20in%20German%20Archives/6505.html
- ◆ [Genealoger http://www.genealoger.com/german/ger_archives_and_libraries.htm](http://www.genealoger.com/german/ger_archives_and_libraries.htm)
- ◆ Google what you hope to find.

FAMILYSEARCH RESOURCES www.FamilySearch.org

- FS Main Page → Select Search → Drop down list → See links entitled:
- ◆ **Records** → Browse By Location → Continental Europe → Germany 59 Collections
 - ◆ **Catalog** → Search by Surname, Place-name, *Subject*, or *Keyword*
 - ◆ **Wiki** → *Go to All Countries, Browse by Country* or Map → Europe → Germany
 - ◆ See also **Learning Center** - Top left corner of main page → select **Get Help** → **Learning Center** → place list - Germany [**Learning Center** includes 17 FREE German Classes]

GERMAN RESEARCH HELP - GETTING STARTED

- ◆ German Roots: German Genealogy Resources <http://www.germanroots.com/>
- ◆ Basic Research Outline for Germany <http://www.germanroots.com/outline.html>
- ◆ Getting Started Tutorial [http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/How to start with my Research](http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/How_to_start_with_my_Research)
- ◆ Tips For Genealogists http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Portal:Base_knowledge
- ◆ Genealoger “How To” German Genealogy Tools [Awesome Links & Bibliography] http://www.genealoger.com/german/ger_how_to.htm

HANDWRITING & LANGUAGE

Handwriting

- ◆ BYU Center for FH & Genealogy- German Script Tutorial <https://script.byu.edu/>
- ◆ Reading German Sutterlin <http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm>

Language

1. LEO English-German Dictionary <http://dict.leo.org/> click on Site in English
2. Occupations: <http://www.jewishgen.org/infoFiles/GermanOccs.htm>
3. Important Words: http://genealogy.about.com/od/germany/p/word_list.htm
4. Archaic Medical Terms <http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/German/German.htm>
5. Names - English Equivalent www.usgenweb.org > Researchers > Finding Names
6. FS Wiki German Word List https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/German_Word_List
7. Genealogy Quest Latin Terms <http://genealogy-quest.com/glossary-terms/latin/>

HISTORY and BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- ◆ Germans in America: a chronology <http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germchro.html>
- ◆ German Americana <http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/>
- ◆ Germans in America <http://usa.usembassy.de/germanamericans-genealogy.htm>

EMIGRATION and IMMIGRATION

Emigration - Lists and Indexes vs. Ship Records

- German Roots: Online German Emigration Records, Lists and Indexes
<http://www.germanroots.com/emigration.html>
- German & European Passenger Departure Records and Emigration Records
<http://www.germanroots.com/ei.html#departure>

European Exit Ports Used by Germans

Germany-- Bremen, Bremerhaven, Hamburg, Stettin [Szczecin in Polish]
Belgium -- Antwerp
England -- Hull, Liverpool, Southampton
France -- Cherbourg, Le Harvre
Netherlands -- Amsterdam, Rotterdam

Ship Lists see also Ancestry.com, etc.

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Emigration and Immigration Records & Links <http://www.germanroots.com/ei.html>

Ellis Island <http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>

Castle Garden <http://castlegarden.org/>

More info <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/ships/castle-garden.htm>

Germany - Emigration [Auswanderung] - Contents at www.Ancestry.com

Card Catalog → Immigration & Travel → Europe → Germany [or other co] → Region

Wuerttemberg, Late 1700's to 1900, 136,195+ entries

Brandenburg, 1800-early 1900s, 61,000+ entries

Baden, Germany Immigration List 1866-1911, 28,000+ entries

Hamburg Passenger Lists and Index 1850-1934, approx. 5+ million entries

Mainz, Germany, Emigration Register 1856-1877 15, 892+ entries

Pommerania, Germany, Passenger Lists, 1869-1901 29,000+ entries

Bremen, Germany Select Departure Lists 1904-1914 see more at Die Maus

<http://www.die-maus-bremen.de/>

German Ancestry in the U.S.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/maps-of-ancestry-groups-in-america-2013-9#49840035-germans-live-mostly-in-the-midwest> Or see 1900 Map <http://www.rollintl.com/roll/gr1900us.htm>

US Immigration - See Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org etc.

Ancestry.com Card Catalog → Immigration & Travel → Location - United States → State

United States Record Types: that may show place of Origin -see www.Ancestry.com

Border Crossings -Canadian/Mexican Border Crossings

Census 1900-1930 ask when you came, if you naturalized, 1940 asks birthplace

Church Records – Often record point of origin, especially Catholic Records

Military Records -- WWI Draft Registration Index and other military records.

Naturalization Records, Indexes [U.S. Indexes 1790-1964]

Newspapers -- English Language, Ethnic and Religious, Obituaries etc.

U. S. Passport Applications -- 1795-1925 -- Not mandatory, but Germans often did.

Passenger Lists and others - Arrival on U.S. side of the pond.

U.S. Vital Records, SSDI - SS5, SS ACI

LINKS: Lists of Potential Research Sites [Right click and select translate this page]

- ◆ Genealogy Net Portal <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:Datenbanken> Ortsfamilienbücher
- ◆ Genealogy Net Linkliste [http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Genealogische Datenbank/Linkliste](http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Genealogische_Datenbank/Linkliste)
- ◆ Genealogy Net Meta Search of Online Databases <http://meta.genealogy.net/>
- ◆ Ahnenforschung.Net <http://fernabfrage.ahnenforschung.net/> Portal for important Emigration/Immigration sites.
- ◆ German Genealogy Research Service: <http://www.ggrs.com/sites/> Recommended sites
- ◆ Germany GenWeb Project <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/index.htm> See state pages.
- ◆ Genealogy Links.net <http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/germany/> National & Regional
- ◆ Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm>

MAPS:

1. Historical

German History Documents and Images- Maps and docs. chronicle the development of Germany

Creation of the Empire 1866-1871 http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/map.cfm?map_id=2195

Empire Map 1871-1918 http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/map.cfm?map_id=2196

History of the boundaries of the kingdoms and states that became Germany

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/state.htm>

Germany GenWeb Site - At main page select Maps link

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/index.htm>

2. Current

- ◆ **Maplandia** - Germany <http://www.maplandia.com/germany/>
- ◆ **World Embassy Information**
<http://www.worldembassyinformation.com/embassy-of-usa/germany.html> See World Maps
- ◆ Google Maps, Google Earth

SEARCH ENGINES - GERMAN <http://germanroots.com/engines.html>

1. Use German search engines to better locate German Websites. German versions of familiar sites:

- ◆ AltaVista Deutschland; Google Deutschland; Lycos Deutschland
2. German Search Engines: Suche Freenet, Deutsche Meta-Suchmaschine, Flix, AllesKlar

TELEPHONE BOOK ON-LINE: <http://www.dastelefonbuch.de/> Suchen = search,

Finden = find, Ort = place/city, Vornamen = given name, Wer/Was = who/name, Wo = place/where
Nachname = surname; Neue Suche = new search; Treffer = results or hits;

1. Search for surname of interest in area of origin.

- Use specific town
- Click to the map and scroll out to increase the radius of the search. Hit list includes how many Kilometers each hit is from the center of the town originally searched.

2. Search for rare surnames in all of Germany to see areas where that name is concentrated. You can sort results by privat [private residences = white pages] or Gewerblich [Businesses = yellow pages]

TYPES OF U.S. GERMAN RESEARCH Particular Era or Location

German America http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_American ; German Information Center USA <http://www.germany.travel/en/ms/german-originality/heritage/timeline/timeline.html>

Hessian

Johannes Schwaim Historical Association <http://www.jsha.org/> Hessian Registry, Gen. Research
Hessian Surname Research Center <http://www.surnameweb.org/Hessian/surnames.htm>

Palatine Palatines to America <https://www.palam.org/>

Palatines Arriving in Ships from Germany to USA <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/palatines/>

Germans from Russia

Germans from Russia Heritage Collection <http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/>

American Historical Society of Germans From Russia <http://www.ahsgr.org/>

Germans from Russian Heritage Society <http://www.grhs.org/>

U.S. Locations - Search by state, county or city : Pennsylvania, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin [Milwaukee], Ohio [Cincinnati], Missouri [St. Louis], Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas [New Braunfels, Fredericksburg], Louisiana, etc.; To locate information and websites, google *Germans in _____*; Some websites I located:

German Society of Pennsylvania <http://www.germansociety.org/>

Pennsylvania German Pioneers Research Guide 1727-1808

<http://www.germanroots.com/penngermans.html>

Germans in Texas - German-Texan Heritage Society <http://germantexans.org/>

German Coast, Louisiana https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Coast,_Louisiana

Germans in Hamilton Co. Ohio - Cincinnati Area

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germans_in_Hamilton_County,_Ohio

Germans-Americans in Missouri and St. Louis <http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/gastl.htm>

A Brief History Of Germans in Missouri <http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/mochild.htm>

Germans - Wisconsin http://www.genealoger.com/wisconsin/wi_ethnic_groups.htm See German

Genealoger - Germans to USA http://www.genealoger.com/german/ger_in_america.htm

German Research Groups in the U.S.

German Genealogy Group [GGG] <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>

Germanic Genealogy Society [GGS] <http://www.ggsmn.org/>

The Immigrant Genealogical Society <http://www.immigrantgensoc.org/>

Sacramento German Genealogy Society <http://sggs.us/>

Max Kade German-American Research Center <http://maxkade.iupui.edu/index1.php>

Select online resources, publications, German-American Associations

*Max Kade German-American Historic Sites and Museums <http://maxkade.iupui.edu/gahist.html>

Max Kade German-American Libraries and Archives <http://maxkade.iupui.edu/galibarc.html>

Pomeranian Genealogy http://www.genealoger.com/german/pommern/ger_pommern.htm

Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America <http://www.ogsa.us/>

German Genealogical Societies https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Societies