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
♦ 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
♦ 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 ➔ German
♦ 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
♦ 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.sueterlinenschrift.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

HISTORY and BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
♦ German Americana http://www.mshea.com/germusa/
♦ Germans in America http://usa.usembassy.de/germanamericans-genealogy.htm

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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 Havre
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.ellisislandrecords.org/
Castle Garden http://castlegarden.org/
More info http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/ships/castle-garden.htm

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.

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.

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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
♦ Genealogy Net Meta Seach 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
♦ 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


**Hessian**
Hessian Surname Research Center [http://www.surnameweb.org/Hessian/surnames.htm](http://www.surnameweb.org/Hessian/surnames.htm)

**Palatine**
Palatines to America [https://www.palam.org/](https://www.palam.org/)
Palatines Arriving in Ships from Germany to USA [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/palatines/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/palatines/)

**Germans from Russia**
Germans from Russia Heritage Collection [http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/](http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/)

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

German Coast, Louisiana [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Coast,_Louisiana](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Coast,_Louisiana)
A Brief History Of Germans in Missouri [http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/mochild.htm](http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/mochild.htm)

**German Research Groups in the U.S.**

German Genealogy Group [GGG] [http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/](http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/)
Sacramento German Genealogy Society [http://sggs.us/](http://sggs.us/)
Max Kade German-American Research Center [http://maxkade.iupui.edu/index1.php](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](http://maxkade.iupui.edu/gahist.html)*

Max Kade German-American Libraries and Archives [http://maxkade.iupui.edu/galibarc.html](http://maxkade.iupui.edu/galibarc.html)
Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America [http://www.ogsa.us/](http://www.ogsa.us/)

**German Genealogical Societies** [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Societies](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Societies)

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