

**Germans in America:
A Guide to Finding Your Ancestor's Hometown**

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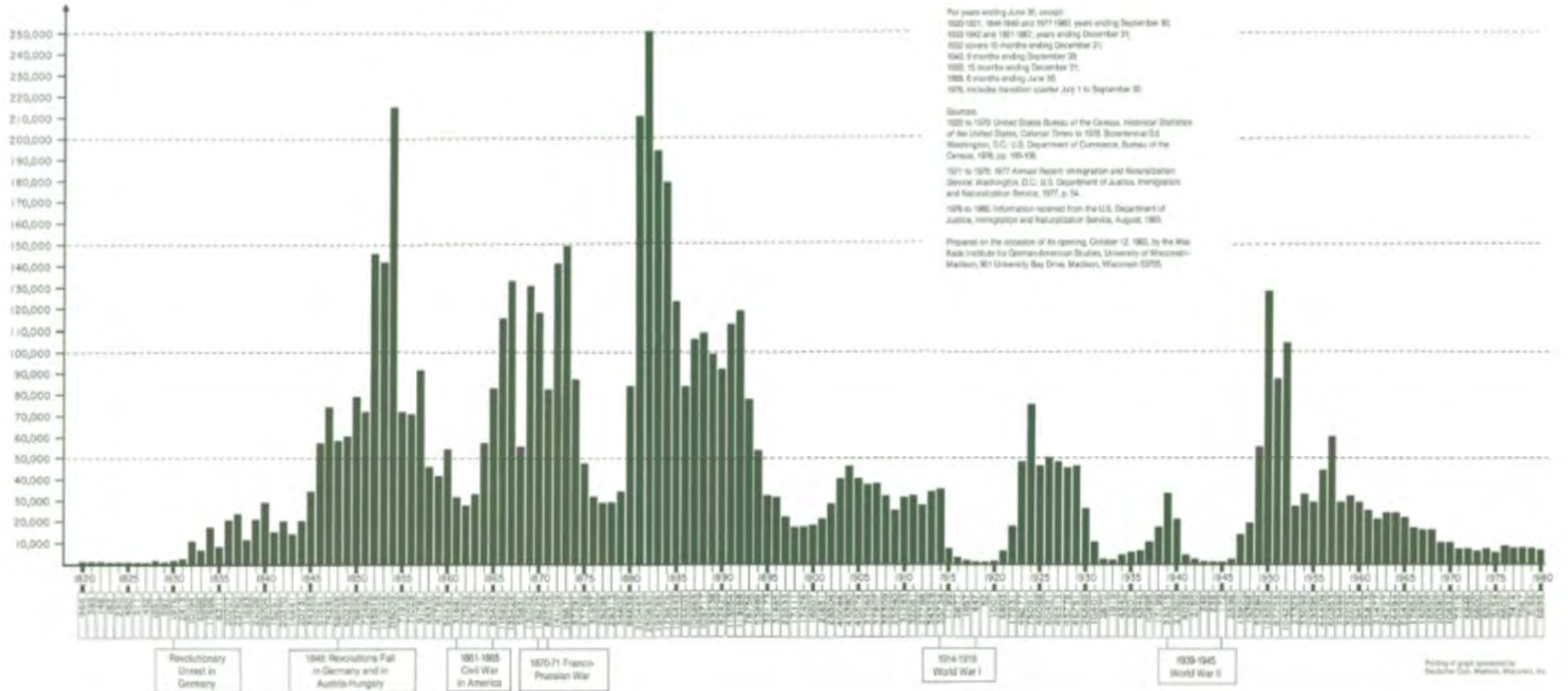
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Immigration since 1820

IMMIGRATION FROM GERMANY, 1820-1980

(INCLUDES AUSTRIA, 1938-1945)



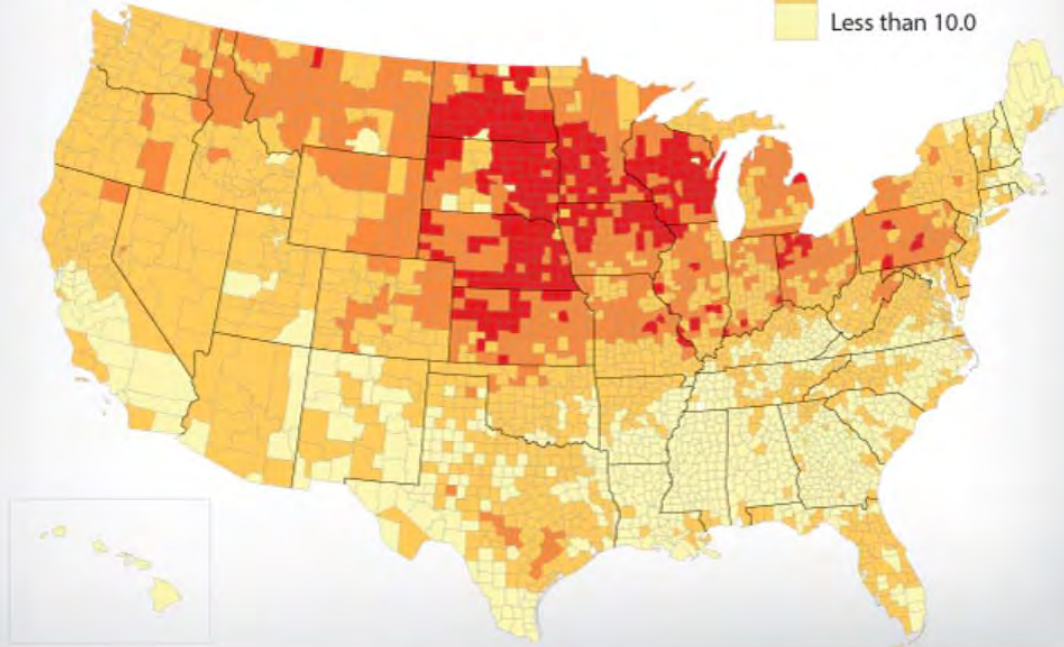
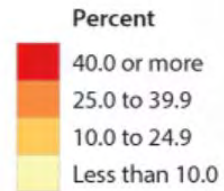
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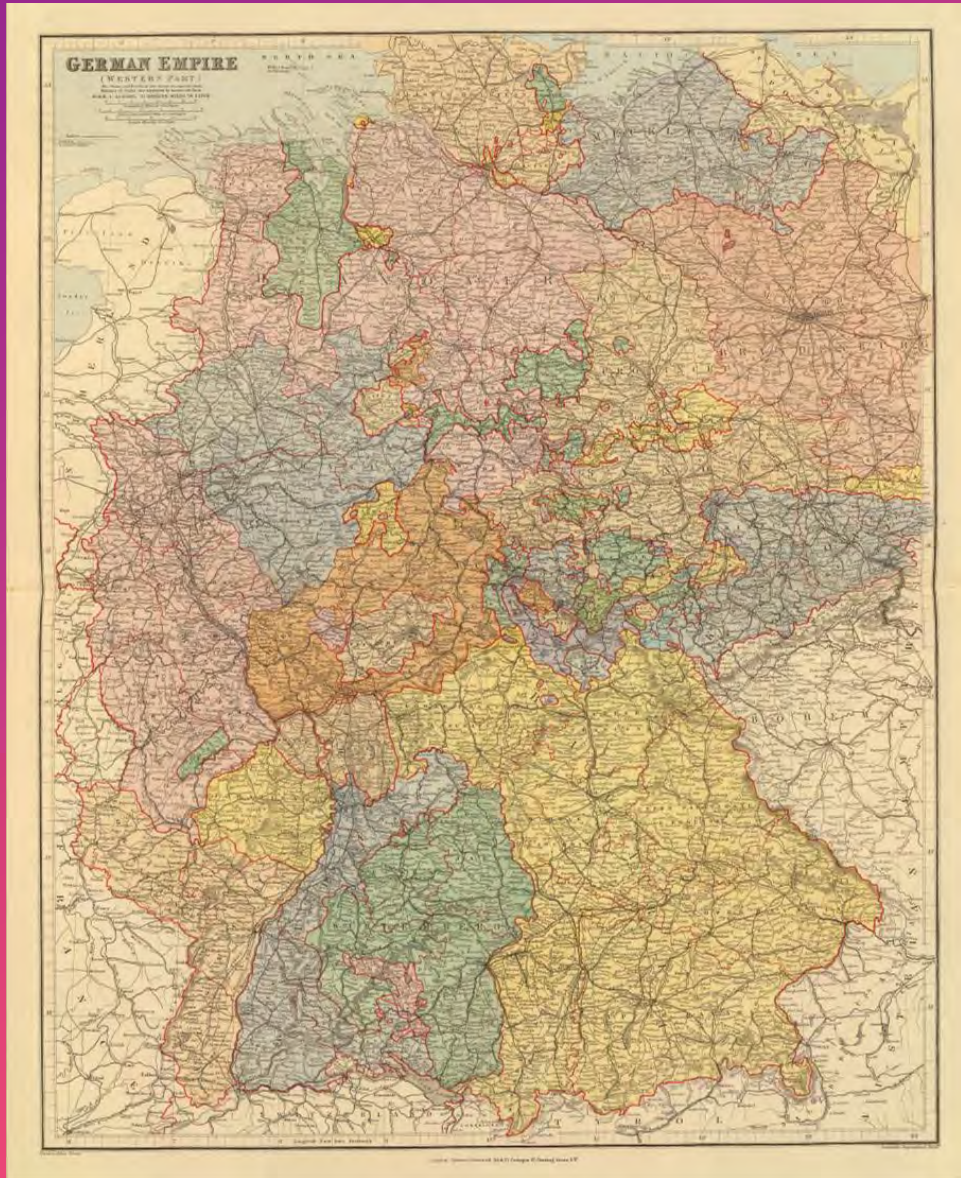


German Roots

U.S. German ancestry: 14.9%

German ancestry as a percentage
of each county's population





German Unification of 1871

David Rumsey, *German Empire*, 1,330,560, "David Rumsey Map Collection," 1901.

Why does all of this history matter?

**Why should I determine where my ancestor's
hometown is?**

Avoid common name confusion

All results for Johann Schneider

Your search 1-50 of 783,666 Browse by collection

Johann Schneider
Any: Germany

Focus: All Collections

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i To get better results, add more information such as **Birth Info and Death Info**—even a guess will help. [Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

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Bavaria, Germany, World War I Personnel Rosters, 1914-1918 Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists View	Johan georg Schweider [Johann Georg Schneider]	02 Apr 1889 (2 Apr 1889) Nürnberg Nürnberg Bayern
Bavaria, Germany, World War I Personnel Rosters, 1914-1918 Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists View	JOhan Martin Schneider [Johann Martin Schneider]	20 Jun 1872 Greuth Bezirksamt Gerolzhofen (Utfranken)

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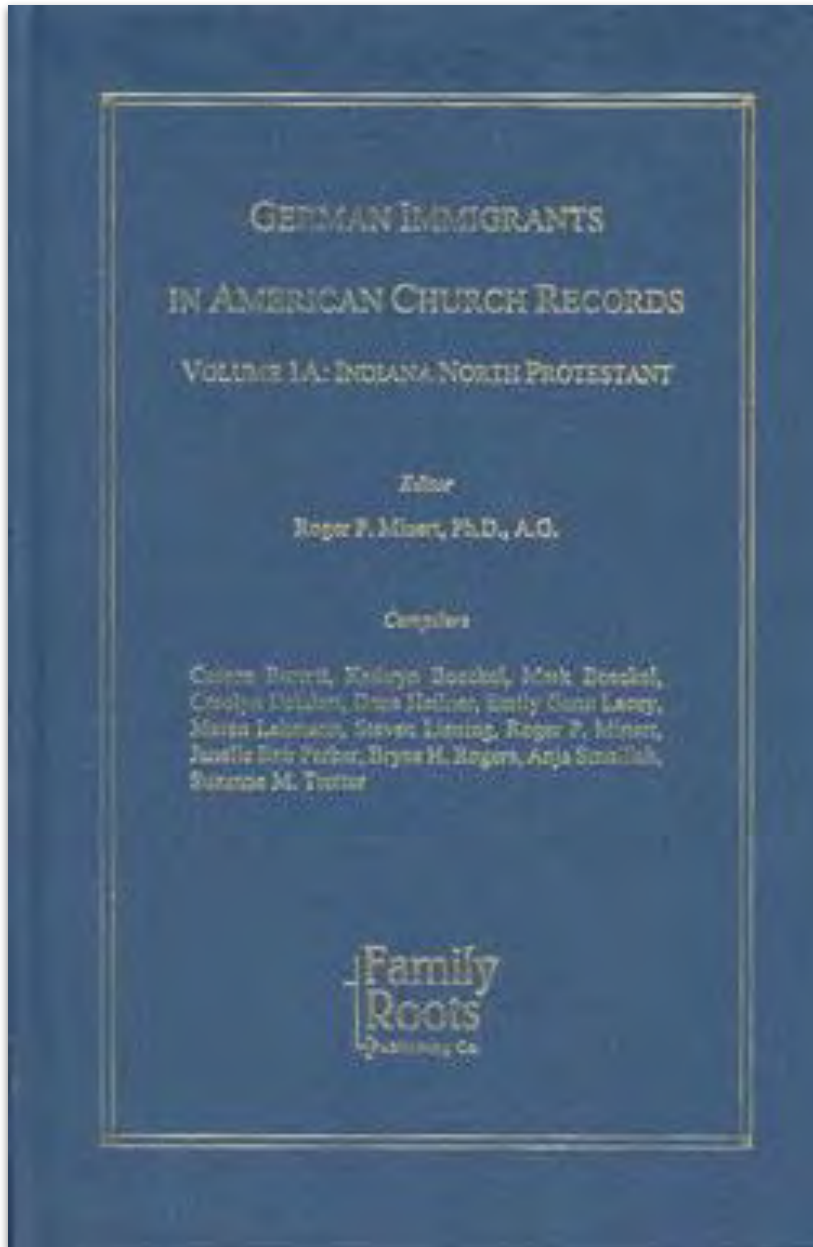
Access to Records

- There is no central archive or catalog where all of the necessary records are housed
- Local Records are often organized by town or parish
- Know which databases to use
- If there are no digitized records, you may need to contact local archives
- Geographical Boundaries

Historical Context and Cultural Heritage

- Provides context around your ancestor's life
- Migration Patterns
- Connecting with relatives
- Understand traditions, languages, and dialects





German Immigrants in American Church Records Project

9. Louise S. Kinsperer geb. 16 Juni 1902 in Houston
 + 8. Nov. 1902 fieber Heute
 14. Max Baumann geb. ? in Deutschland
 + 13. Nov. 1902 an Blaupfropfe 56 J. alt.
 Evergreen Gr
 28. Leonhard Limberth geb. ? in Wiesbaden
 + 27. Nov. 1902 an Jagfieber in Alter von 40 Jahren
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 17. Louis Villaret geb. 22. Dec. 1843 in Frankreich
 + 16. Dec. 1902 an Typhus
 Evergreen Gr

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- Leonhard Limberth** b. Wiesbaden, Hessen-Nassau 1862 (calculated); d.
 27 Nov 1902, age 40; bur. Houston, TX 28 Nov 1902. Ref: p. 52.
- E. B. H. Schneider** b. Mainz, Hessen 31 Jul 1827; d. 1 Jan 1903, age 75-5-
 0; bur. Houston, TX 2 Jan 1903. Ref: p. 53.
- Jennie Koch** b. Scheibenberg, Sachsen (kingdom) 5 Apr 1868; m. - -
 Schilling; d. 26 Jan 1903, age 34-9-11; bur. Houston, TX 27 Jan 1903.
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- Joseph Braun** b. Württemberg 27 Sep 1854; d. 26 Jan 1903, age 48-3-0;
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- Katharina Quering** b. Elsaß-Lothringen 18 Oct 1838; m. - - Reinicke; d.
 7 Feb 1903, age 64-3-21; bur. Houston, TX 8 Feb 1903. Ref: p. 53.
- Friedericke** - - b. Holzhausen, Germany 9 Sep 1821; m. - - Lippstreu; d. 24
 Feb 1903, age 81-4-2; bur. Houston, TX 25 Feb 1903. Ref: p. 53.
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Information from German church records is extracted and recorded in a simple format

EVERY NAME INDEX

The following Every Name Index contains a total of 15,871 entries. Women have been indexed whenever possible under both their maiden and married name(s). Maiden names are shown in parentheses, such as Jane (Smith) Allen. When the maiden name is unknown, it is shown as Mary (-) Allen. Readers are advised to check all possible spelling variations of the surnames listed here. No surnames have been standardized in this volume; all are presented precisely as they appear in the original record. For example, Schmidt may appear as Schmitt, Schmid, Schmidd, Schmied, Schmiedt, etc.

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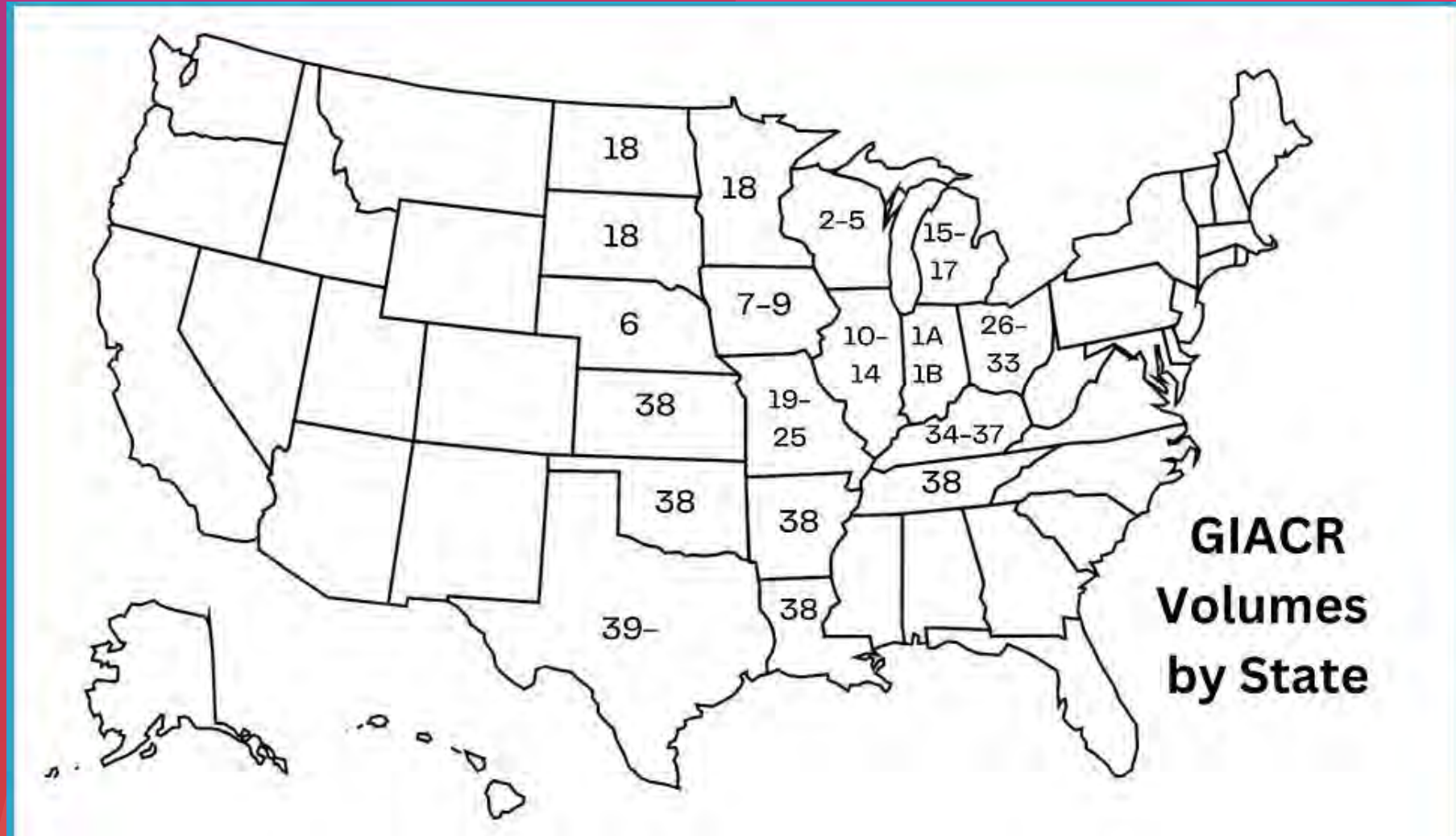
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How do I access these books?

- **BYU Library**
- **FamilySearch Library**
- **Check Local Libraries**
- **Order a copy of the volume you need**

Sources to help you find your German Ancestors hometown

- Preliminary Survey
- Church Records
- Vital Records
- Census Records
- Naturalization or Immigration Records
- Ships Passenger Lists
- Newspapers and Obituaries



PRELIMINARY SURVEY

- Search Home and Family Sources
- Interview Relatives
- Search Electronic Databases
- Find Family Surname Histories and Biographies

Home and Family Resources



Interview Relatives

Emigration Questions to Ask Relatives [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Find the oldest living relatives that you can and ask them:

1. What do you know about our first ancestor to come from Germany? (open-ended)
2. Have you ever heard mention of towns in Germany where the family lived?
3. Do you have contact with any relatives in Germany?
4. . Do you have contact with other branches of the family in the U.S.?
5. . When _____ came from Germany, did he travel with other family members?
6. . Do you know when _____ arrived and which port city?
7. Did _____ ever become a citizen?
8. Did _____ fight in World War I or II?
9. When they first came, were there already family members here who they joined?
10. Did _____ ever mention their parents in Germany?
11. Were they Catholic or Lutheran?
12. Do you have any old letters or postcards from Germany family?
13. Do you have any pictures of family members in Germany?



Search Electronic Databases

Genealogy of Members of the Hanseatic League in Bergen

hanseater.no/tng/pedigree.php?personID=I5792&tree=hansa

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Folkeskolelærerinde Frøken Frønche Wesenberg Lange

1859 - 1913 (53 år)

Person | **Aner** | Etterkommere | Slektskap | Tidslinje | Familie | Foreslå

Generasjoner: 4 | Standard | Vertikalt | Kompakt | Boks | Bare Tekst | Generasjonsliste | Anevifte | Media

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graph TD; A[Folkeskolelærerinde Frøken Frønche Wesenberg Lange  
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1823-1894]; B --- C[Kommandør Fridrich Halven Lange  
1790-1852]; B --- D[Maria Becher Wesenberg  
1802-1864]; C --- E[Kjøpmann Johan Caspar Lange  
1754-1827];
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Kjøpmann Johan Caspar Lange
F: 12 Apr 1754
Rostock, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany
G: 28 Sep 1789
Nykirken, Bergen, Norway
D: 29 Nov 1827
Rode 14-9, Bergen, Norway

Familie: [Gruppeskjema]

1 Gedsche Margrethe Halven

Barn:


- Kommandør Fridrich Halven Lange
- Catharina Magrete Lange
- Kjøpmann Ungkar Cordt Ludvig Lange
- Erich Hylt Lange
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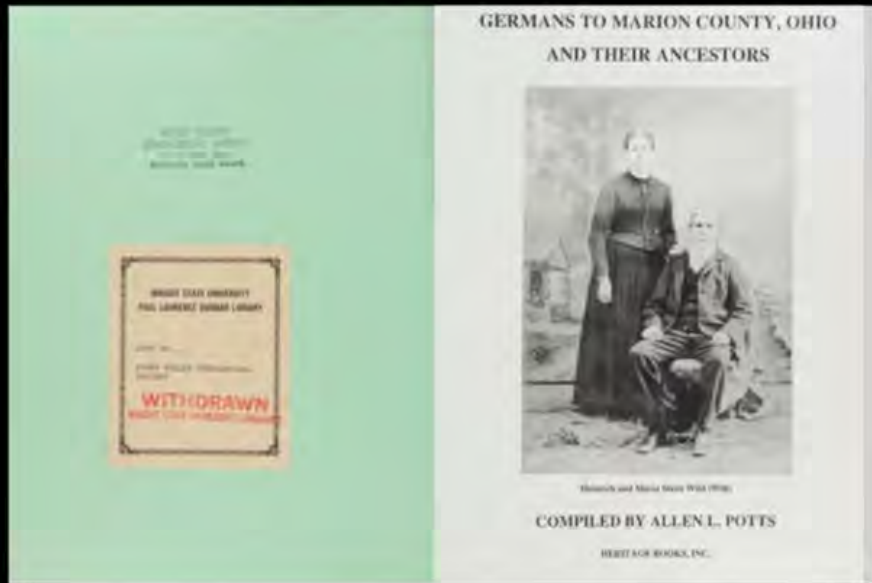
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Church Records

- Begin Much Earlier than Vital Records
- Often Written in German
- Often List the Name of the Persons Hometown
- Marriage and Children's Birth Records



Milwaukee Church Baptism Record

Geboren den 22. Aug. Getauft den ~~22. August~~ 24. August (Notstaufe)

Gartung, Anna Auguste Maria

M. Carl Moritz Gartung and Kaminberg, Paffau, Pr.

M. Gottfr. Gartner Charlothe  Munk and Schmidt bei Greifenburg
in Jönköping.

P. Heinrich Rahn P. Johann Grotz u. Johann Jansen.



Vital Records

- **Birth Records** - May List Parent's Information
- **Death Records** - May List the Deceased's and Parent's Information
- **Marriage Records** - May List the Bride and Grooms Birthplaces

Wisconsin Marriage Registration

1. Full name of husband, *Karl Wilhelm Keller*

2. Full name of the father of husband, *Johan Keller*

3. Full name of the mother of husband, (a) *Rosine Keller*

4. Occupation of husband, *Riding Master*

5. Residence of husband, *City of Milwaukee*

6. Birthplace of husband, *City of Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany*

7. Full name of wife previous to marriage, *Emma Bechtel*

8. Full name of the father of wife, *John Bechtel*

9. Full name of the mother of wife, (a) *Marie Bechtel*



Census Records

- Often One of the First Records that Are Found in American Research
- The 1850 Census Began Listing the Birthplace of Each Member of the Household
- Often Just Lists the Country
- Sometimes, Enumerators Would Be More Specific



1920 US Census

NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	TENURE.		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.				CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.			Place of birth of each person
		Home owned or rented.	If owned, free or mortgaged.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birth- day.	Single, married, widowed, or di- vorced.	Year of immigra- tion to the Unit- ed States.	Naturalized or alien.	If naturalized, year of natural- ization.	Attended school any time since Sept. 1, 1919.	Whether able to read.	Whether able to write.	
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Shanley, Elizabeth	Maid			F	W.	36	S.	1405	Al.		Yes	Yes	Ireland
Denson, Hilda	Maid			F	W.	24	S.	1415	Al.		Yes	Yes	Sweden
Mancke, Augusta	Maid			F	W.	51	S.	1414	Pa.	Pa.	Yes	Yes	Sweden
Entz, Mary	Head	10	F	F	W.	76	W.				Yes	Yes	New York
Margherite	Daughter			F	W.	39	S.				Yes	Yes	New York





Naturalization and Immigration Records

- **Naturalization Records:** Filed when a person wants to become a citizen
- **Passports:** Created for Travel

Declaration of Intention 1921

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ORIGINAL 467

No. 10863

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

United States of America } ss: In the United States District Court
Eastern District of Washington } of Eastern District of Washington

I, Maria Louise Weible, aged 28 years,
occupation Domestic, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color white, complexion light, height 5 feet 3 inches,
weight 125 pounds, color of hair blonde, color of eyes blue
other visible distinctive marks none

I was born in Betzingen, Germany
on the 7 day of December, anno Domini 1895; I now reside
at 612 Sumner Ave. Spokane Washington
(Give number, street, city or town, and State)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Rotterdam, Holland
on the vessel "Ryndam"; my last
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given)
foreign residence was Betzingen, Germany; I am not married; the name
of my wife is _____; she was born at _____

Passport Application


before making the application to the Department of State, Division of Passport Control, Washington, D. C. guidance.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF Maryland
COUNTY OF Baltimore City ss:
I, Thella Radulovich, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Bürgstadt Germany on or about the 29 January day of 1867, 1; that my {^{father} husband}, Mistfor Radulovich (Name.) was born in Austria (Country.) that he emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the from Austria on or about 1878, 1; that he resided 4 1/2 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1878 to 1922 at Baltimore md; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Baltimore City Court of Maryland at Baltimore md on September 24, 1891 as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that I am the wife of the person described in said Certificate; that I have resided in the United States, uninterruptedly, for 41 years, from 1881 to 1922, at Baltimore md; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, where I follow the occupation of House wife. My last passport was obtained from Never had one on

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Ship's Passenger Lists

- Lists of Ship Passengers
- May include the nationality, destination, and place of origin of a passenger
- Not many before 1820
- Extremely Valuable
- May be kept in the US, but also in many other countries as well



New Orleans Passenger List 1925

NAME IN FULL		Age	Sex	Married or single	Calling or occupation	Able to	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject)	Race or people	Place of birth	
Family name	Given name	Yrs. Mos.				Read what language (or, if exemption claimed, on what ground)	Write		Country	City or town
Luttgen	Karl Johann Balthasar	48	M	M	Merchant	Yes Sp. Eng. Germ.	Yes	German	Germany	Stuttgart
Floras	Pierre Victor	32	M	S	Teacher	Yes Sp. French	Yes	French	France	Monteille
Mercede	Juan	36	M	S	Priest	Yes Eng. Sp.	Yes	Spanish	Spain	Havana

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 - Next to Pierre Victor: '15' in a circle.
 - Next to Juan: '15' and '19' in circles.
 - Next to Merchant: 'Agriculture' written vertically.
 - Next to Teacher: 'Spanish & French' written horizontally.
 - Next to Priest: 'to Spain and return' written horizontally.
 - Next to Priest: 'Army-Cuban Govt' written horizontally.



Hamburg Passenger List 1851

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^{Vespa} Schmidt Christ	^{Eichenfeld} Freipen	d°	d°	d°
^{Arbeiten} Matthe mit 2 Kind und Andr	d°	d°	d°	d°
Schmidt Rich & Friedr	Bassel	d°	d°	d°



Newspapers

twenty-five days.

Death was due to consumption of the throat, and the disease was contracted in March last, when the priest in the exercise of his pastoral duties was caught in a shower at Sheldon and received a severe wetting. The throat trouble soon developed and despite the efforts of skilled physicians the patient sank slowly until the end. He had been a patient at the hospital since early in April.

Rev. Father Denk was born at Regensburg, Bavaria, March 9, 1868, and his education for the priesthood began at Landshut and Munich, where he studied the classics, later taking the theological branches in St. Vincent's, in Pennsylvania. His studies were com-

Obituary Fort Wayne Evening Sentinel in Indiana January 7, 1901

Mrs. Carl Dotseth

Mrs. Carl Dotseth, 45, of Knapp, died Saturday at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Menomonie, with the Rev. Charles Blecha officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. Rosalia Pregler, Regensburg, Germany; four sisters, Mrs. Gordon Eddy, St. Paul; Mrs. Albert Suppmann, Regensburg, Germany; Mrs. Joseph Berry, Red Wing, Minn.; and Mrs. Gerald Nelson, also of Red Wing; and one brother, Joseph Pregler, Regensburg.

She was born in Regensburg in 1925 and came to the United States in 1951. She married Carl Dotseth in 1951 in Stillwater, Minn. She and her husband had lived in Knapp on a farm since their marriage.

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Obituary Eau Claire Leader in Wisconsin June 2, 1970

**I found the town name, but now I can't even
figure out where it is!**

Search the Meyers Gazetteer

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- To find all places that start with K and end in mühle, enter K*muhle for your search.

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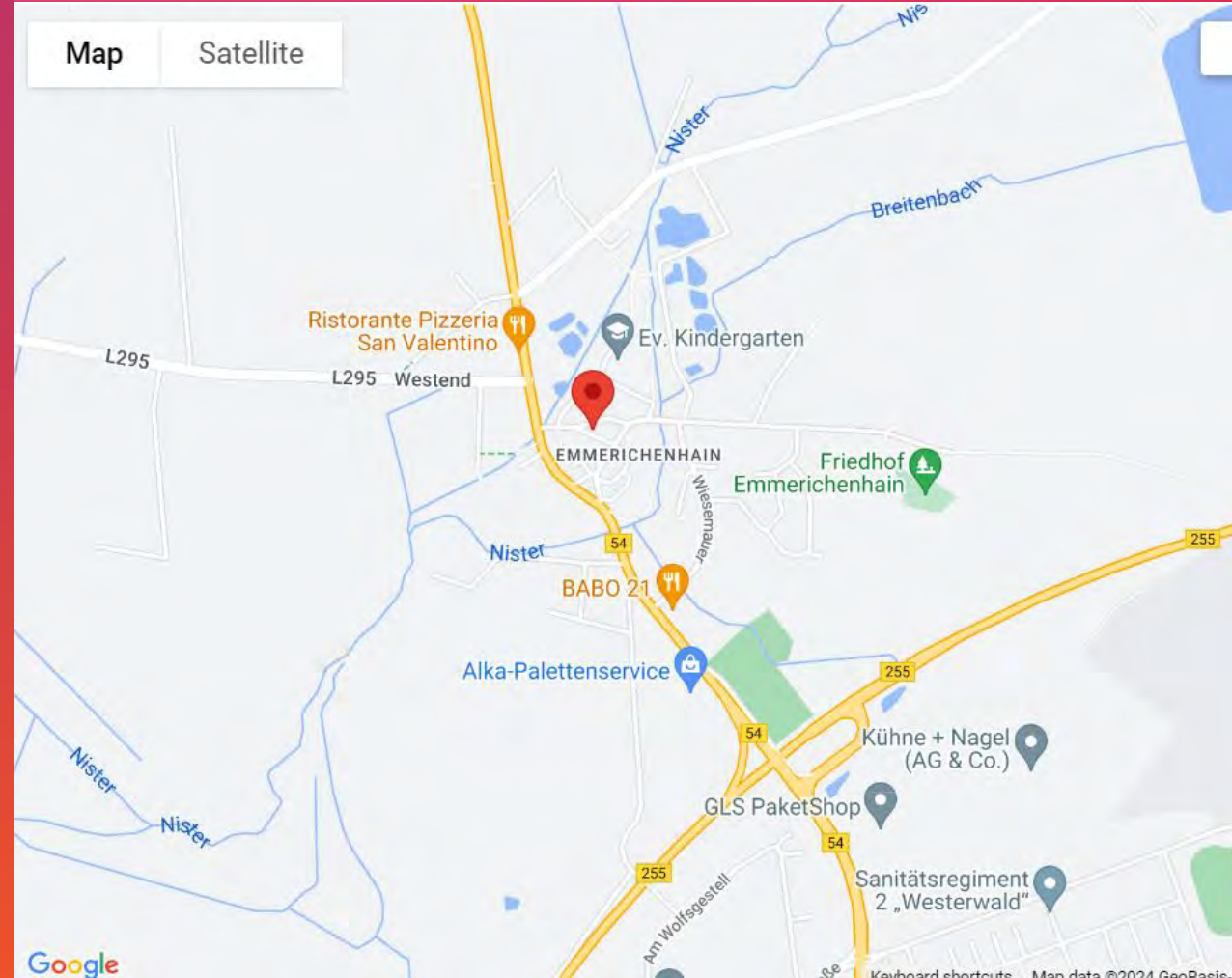
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...	Graz					
...	Graz bachgasse					
...	Graz bachgasse					
...	Graz bachgasse					
...	Graz erberg					

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Place Name Gradec

Former Place Name [Graz](#)

Place Name in German

Place Name Hungarian

Place Name Slovak

Place Name Ukrainian

Crownland Krain

District

	Name	Begin of Vital Statistics	Respective Archives
Parish(es)	Competent Parish - Roman Catholic:		
	Pivka	1838/1885/1838	Diözese Koper
	Former Parish - Roman Catholic:		
	Slavina	1631/1650/1650	Diözese Koper

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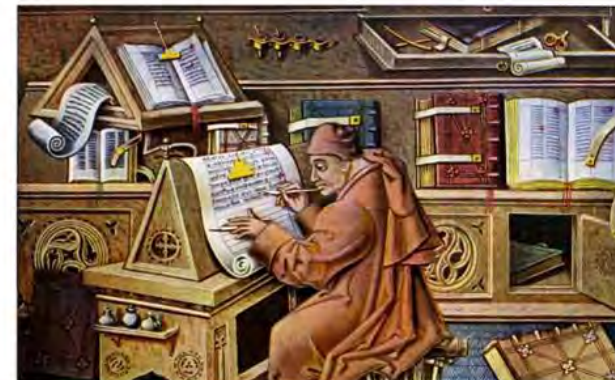
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Script Tutorial: German

What is "Old German Script?"

The term Old German Script, as used throughout this tutorial, refers to the typefaces and handwriting styles of German-speaking countries during the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries.

Although these scripts are based on the Latin alphabet, many of the individual letters may appear to the untrained eye as unique as the letters of the Russian or Arabic alphabets. Old



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German Jurisdictions

Member state	Level one (largest)	Level two	Level three (if applicable)
Duchy of Anhalt	Kreis		
Grand Duchy of Baden	Kreis	Amtsbezirk	
Kingdom of Bayern (Bavaria)	Regierungsbezirk	Bezirksamt	
Duchy of Braunschweig (Brunswick)	Kreis		
Free City of Bremen			
Imperial territory of Elsass-Lothringen (Alsace-Lorraine)	Bezirk	Kreis	
Free City of Hamburg			
Grand Duchy of Hessen (Hesse)	Provinz	Kreis	
Principality of Lippe	Verwaltungsamt	Amt	
Free City of Lübeck			
Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin	Ritteramt	Amt	
Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz	Domänenamt	Amt	
Grand Duchy of Oldenburg	Amt		
Kingdom of Preussen (Prussia)	Provinz	Regierungsbezirk	Kreis
Principality of Reuss-ältere-Linie (Reuss-Greiz)	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	
Principality of Reuss-jüngere-Linie (Reuss-Gera)	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	
Kingdom of Sachsen (Saxony)	Kreishauptmannschaft	Amtshauptmannschaft	
Duchy of Sachsen-Altenburg (Saxe-Altenburg)	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	
Duchy of Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha (Saxe-Coburg and Gotha)	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	
Duchy of Sachsen-Meiningen (Saxe-Meiningen)	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	
Grand Duchy of Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach (Saxe-	Verwaltungsamt	Landratsamt	

Brandenburg, Prussia, German Empire Genealogy

(Redirected from Brandenburg, German Empire Genealogy)

Germany → Prussia → Brandenburg

Guide to **Brandenburg, German Empire** ancestry, family history, and genealogy **before 1945**: birth records, marriage records, death records, both church and civil registration, compiled family history, and finding aids.

In this region, part of Germany which was lost to other countries after World War II, **many records, both church/parish registers and civil registration records, were damaged, destroyed, or misplaced.**

Historical Background [edit | edit source]

- **Brandenburg** was established in 1815 from the Kingdom of Prussia's core territory, and comprised the bulk of the historic **Margraviate of Brandenburg and the Lower Lusatia region**.
- It became part of the German Empire in 1871.
- From 1918, Brandenburg was a province of the Free State of Prussia.
- It was dissolved in 1945 after World War II, and replaced, with reduced territory, as the **State of Brandenburg** in East Germany, which was later **dissolved in 1952**.
- Following the reunification of Germany in 1990, Brandenburg was re-established as a federal "state of Germany, **becoming one of the new states**. [Wikipedia](#)

The Neumark [edit | edit source]

The Neumark, also known as the New March or East Brandenburg, was a region of the Prussian province of Brandenburg, Germany, located east of the Oder River. The Neumark became part of the Kingdom of Prussia in 1701 and part of the German Empire in 1871. The majority of the Neumark was placed under Polish administration in 1945 after World War II; its expelled German population was replaced largely with Poles. Most of the Polish territory is part of Lubusz Voivodeship, while the northern towns Choszczno (Arnswalde), Myślibórz (Soldin), and Chojna (Königsberg in der Neumark) are in the West Pomeranian Voivodeship. Some territory near Cottbus remains in Germany. [Wikipedia](#)

For help with research, see [The Neumark \(region\), Brandenburg, German Empire Genealogy](#)



Kreise of the Neumark in 1873

1. For the 1871 Meyers Gazetteer and the FamilySearch Catalog, these counties will

Brandenburg German Empire Wiki Topics



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THANK YOU!