

Internet Sources for German Research

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Internet research for German ancestors is not as fully developed as it is for North American or British ancestors. There are no major subscription sites, and few key indexes to original, or compiled, records online. Indeed, online records are only now showing up. The majority of German genealogy sites are “reference” sites, which provide important information about places or sources. Geographic research for German research is reasonably well developed.

“Full-featured” sites

(instruction, links, some data, etc.)

Genealogy.net The number one source in German genealogy. Includes a “wiki” structure for some pages, inviting all to contribute. <http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html>

Ahnenforschung.Net The German Genealogical Web Directory
<http://ahnenforschung.net/>

FamilySearch, from the Family History Library and the LDS Church
<http://www.familysearch.org> Includes major databases:

1. International Genealogical Index (IGI) [over 60 million entries just for Germany]
2. Ancestral File
3. Pedigree Resource File
4. Record Search

Significant instructional material, including Larry Jensen’s *Genealogical Handbook of German Research*: Select “Research Guidance” then Germany.

Ancestry.com, Germany Databases:

- Baden Germany Emigration Index, 1866-1911
 - Brandenburg Prussia Emigration Records
 - Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research
 - Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 (indexed for 1890-1913)
 - Mecklenburg-Schwerin 1867 Census
 - Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire
 - Swiss Emigrants in the 18th Century
 - Wuerttemberg, Germany Emigration Index
- <http://www.ancestry.com/search/locality/dbpage.aspx?tp=3258&p=3253>

World Vital Records \$ <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/>
German and German-American books, especially those published and reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company.

Germany GenWeb Project by David Samuelsen, Coordinator [last update, 2007]
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wggerman/

Federation of East European Genealogical Societies Umbrella organization of societies.
<http://feefhs.org>

Palatines to America [Major American genealogical society] <http://palam.org/>

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe <http://www.sggee.org/index.html>

AmRev-Hessian Mailing List Website (Hessians in the Revolutionary War)
<http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~bonsteinandgilpin/index.htm>

Directories:

Links to other sites:

Links for German Genealogy on the Internet, by Joe Beine, Webmaster
www.germanroots.com/germanlinks.html A great *English language* website for German research. Includes “Basic Research Outline for German Genealogy”

Link Lists [for Archives, Webpages, Regional Research and Searches]
<http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:Linkliste>

Cyndi's List: German Sites <http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm>

How-to (Instructional) Information

“German Genealogical Research before the Church Records Begin” by Lisa Petersen
<http://www.kinquest.com/degenealogy/researching.php>

Germans to America – 50 Volumes That Are Not to Be Trusted
<http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/nausa/pitfal.htm>

German Genealogy Research Articles
<http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/articles/index.html>

Geographic Tools

Atlas des Deutschen Reichs by Ludwig Ravenstein 1883 Atlas of the German Empire
<http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/>

GOV Genealogical Gazetteer
<http://gov.genealogy.net/index.jsp>

German Gazetteers
Includes gazetteers for Bavaria, Hesse, Mecklenburg, Schleswig, East and West Prussia.
<http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/gazetteersmain.html>

Comprehensive gazetteer of German places east of the Oder and Neisse rivers
<http://www.kartenmeister.com/>

Village register of the former kingdom of Württemberg

<http://www2.genealogy.net/privat/v.milbrandt/Orte-WUE/ortsv-wuert.html>

Historical Research Services Parish lists for Hanover, Oldenburg, East Frisia

<http://www.hist.de/info.htm>

Baden, Germany Parish Finder

<http://www.lineages.com/InfoCenter/Databases/BadenParish.cfm>

The Communities of Alsace, A-Z Over 1,000 places identified

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fraalsac/alsaceaz/>

Online travel maps of many scales for all of Germany (like MapQuest)

www.viamichelin.com

Deutsches Post (German Post Office) to find postal code

<http://www.postdirekt.de/plzserver/>

Reference Tools

Archives on the Internet (German)

<http://www.archivschule.de/content/33.html>

Learn the old Gothic (Sütterlin) German script:

<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Suetterlin.htm>

Die Ahnenstammkartei des Deutschen Volkes

Almost 5 million names on compiled pedigrees on 1240 rolls of microfilm. Surname index at:

<http://www.feefhs.org/links/Germany/ahnstamm.html>

Family history research for Pomerania (in German)

<http://www.hinterpommern.de/Genealogie/>

Church Archive Inventories

Evangelical Central Archives in Berlin

<http://www.ezab.de/e/ebframe.html> [Select Church Records]

State Church Archives in Greifswald: Eastern Pomeranian Church Registers

<http://www.pommersches-kirchenarchiv.de/Seiten/buecherliste1.htm>

State Archives in Greifswald

<http://www.landesarchiv-greifswald.de/folgeseiten/english/index.html>

Pomeranian church books in four different archives:

<http://www.hinterpommern.de/Wegweiser/node114.html>

Online German Genealogical Data

Family Trees

- GedBas <http://gedbas.genealogy.net/>
Geneanet <http://www.geneanet.org/>
Pomerania <http://pommerschervereinfreistadt.org/PedigreeDatabase/tabid/90/Default.aspx>
Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels index <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~autwgw/sgi/>
Lineages of well-known Swiss <http://www.ahneninfo.com/de/genealogien.htm>

Church Records

 see esp. FamilySearch.org, above

- German Batch Numbers <http://www.igi-index.de/?seite=batch8&lang=uk>
Poznan Marriage Project <http://bindweed.man.poznan.pl/posen/search.php>
West Preussen Residents <http://www.westpreussen.de/einwohner.php>
Bayreuth, Bavaria church records \$ <http://www.kirchenbuch-virtuell.de/>
Brandenburg (a few) <http://grueneberg-lenzen.de/>

Emigration Lists

- Hanover <http://www.aidaonline.niedersachsen.de/>
Bavarian Emigrants (Hofer) <http://home.arcor.de/emigration-research/>
GGRS Emigrant Database (Schleichert) <http://www.ggrs.com/emigrants/>
Lippe Emigrants to USA <http://www.lippe-auswanderer.de/hm/auswanderer-usa-eng.htm>
Rheingau (Hessen) <http://www.rheingau-genealogie.de/seite16.htm>
Cuxhaven Dist. Emigrants Database <http://hapaghalle-cuxhaven.de/auswandererdatenbank/>
Buer (Osnabrueck, Hanover) Emigrants to USA <http://www.buer-us.de/Book1a.html>
Schleswig-Holstein 1800s <http://www.rootdigger.de/Emi.htm> .
Schleswig-Holstein areas <http://www.genealogy-sh.com/>
Northern Friesland. <http://www.nordfriiskinstituut.de/datenbank.html>
Damme District, Oldenburg <http://www.honkomp.de/damme-auswanderung>
Delmenhorst District: <http://www.auswanderungdelmenhorst.de>
Cloppenburg & Vechta Districts <http://routes.de/tinc?key=aDbVINBZ&formname=CLAUS>
Brunswick, 1846-1871 <http://www.thomas-erbe.de/ahnen/buch/001.htm>
Neuhausen- ob - Eck <http://www.lang-germany.de/Archiv/Auswanderer /auswanderer .htm>
Baden-Wuerttemberg <http://www.auswanderer-bw.de>
Mecklenburg (selected) <http://www.immigrantgensoc.org/searches/imed/igs-imed.html>
Bremen Passenger Lists, 1920-39 <http://www.passagierlisten.de/>
Emslanders (Hanover) to the American Mid-West <http://www.emslanders.com/>
Trier District Emigrants <http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/wgff/trier/index.html>
Westphalia: Meschede & Olpe Districts <http://www.westphalia-emigration.de/>
Rheine emigrants <http://www.rheineahnen.de/listdoc/auswand.htm>
Westphalia emigration lists http://www.amerikanetz.de/beitraege/?&no_cache=1&L=0
Brandenburg: Frankfurt <http://www.genealogienetz.de/reg/BRG/neumark/auswande.htm>
Oldenburg <http://s281837246.online.de/emigrants/>
See also Ancestry.com

Town/Area Genealogies

Ortssippenbuecher <http://www.online-ofb.de/>
Town Chronicles <http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/BLF/quellen/index.php>
Militsch (District in Schlesien) <http://www.militsch.de/>
Oberbayern (Dachau area) <http://www.genealogie-kiening.de/>
Trier District Genealogies <http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/wgff/trier/index.html>
Westphalia: Eastern areas <http://www.mynetcologne.de/~nc-kornhomi/borgholz2.html>

Census

Mecklenburg, 1819, 1867, 1890, 1900 see Ancestry.com
Schleswig-Holstein, 1769-1864 http://www.akvz.de/e107_plugins/akvzdb_menu/akvzdb.php

Biographical/Encyclopedia

Meyers Konversationslexikon 4th ed. 1888 -1889, fully searchable online
<http://www.retrobibliothek.de/retrobib/stoebem.html?werkid=100149>

ADB/NDB Deutsche Biographie <http://www.deutsche-biographie.de/>

Directories

Das Telefonbuch (Telephone Directory of Germany) www.dastelefonbuch.de
For other phone options, see <http://www.teleauskunft.de/>

Berlin City Directories, 1799-1943 <http://adressbuch.zlb.de>
City Directories <http://adressbuecher.genealogy.net/>

Other Data

German soldiers who died during WW I and WW II (over 4.4 million names)
http://www.volksbund.de/grabersuche/content_suche.asp

Rheine databases <http://www.rheineahnen.de/index.htm>
Germany Roots http://www.germanyroots.com/Ancestors_Database/index.php