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## Common Research Practices

Develop, Utilize & Maintain Your Own System - Be Consistent

Use a RESEARCH LOG Based Upon the PERSON and/or FAMILY

Use A TIMELINE

Record Sources

File Names– YYYYMMDD-Event (20200214-Surname-First-Name-Baptism-Valentines-Day)

Image Files

JPG downloads

Add Film Numbers & Image Numbers (Scan numbers) to JPG

Add URL to JPG

Add Additional Comments to JPG i.e. Transcription/Translation

PNG

PDF files

Import Images (JPG, PNG, TIF, etc) into PDF files.

Add Additional Comments

Use GOOGLE, YOU TUBE, & WIKIPEDIA in your Research

## German Research

FamilySearch WIKI - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

Germany - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy)

German Research Outline - <http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/Europe/Germany.pdf>

Verein für Computergenealogie e.V. - <https://www.genealogy.net/> or <https://www.compgen.de/>

International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP) — <https://iggpartner.org/>

IGGP Links: <https://iggpartner.org/links.php?sid=4>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/IGGPartnership/>

Historical Atlas of Germany

## The Basics of German Research

Gain A General Knowledge of German History

<https://theancestryguy.com/germanhistory/>

The German Empires

German Unification

Began in 1871

Completed At the End of World War II

Gain An Understanding of the Social & Economic Structure of the Area Where You Are Researching

Gain An Understanding of the Sovereignty of the Area Where You Are Researching



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Develop Your Own Guide

Develop A Vocabulary List & An Abbreviation List

German Genealogical Word List - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German\\_Genealogical\\_Word\\_List](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List)

Latin Genealogical Word List - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin\\_Genealogical\\_Word\\_List](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List)

French Genealogical Word List - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/French\\_Genealogical\\_Word\\_List](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/French_Genealogical_Word_List)

Coats of Arms (Wappen)

Per a specific individual and should not be assumed

Land Ownership

## Searching For German Records

4 Points-Consider Them As The Legs of a Table For A Sturdy Stable Result!

Names

Consider All Names: First, Middle, Last/Surname & Name Variations

Naming Practices

Germans Generally Use Their Second Given Name As Their Primary Name Ending en, es...

Could indicate Gender & Use of Multiple Times Within The Same Nuclear Family

Germans Are Generally Named After An Aunt or Uncle And They Are Usually The Godparents

der Juengere & variants mean "the younger"

der Aeltere & variants mean "the older"

Date

Event

Place

Germany - Finding Town of Origin:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_Finding\\_Town\\_of\\_Origin](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Finding_Town_of_Origin)

## Emigration & Immigration

Ancestry - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/40/>

- [https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/img\\_books/](https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/img_books/)

Ellis Island - <http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>

German Immigrants in American Church Records—Book Series By Roger P. Minert

Online German Emigration Records, Lists, and Indexes - <http://www.germanroots.com/emigration.html>

Auswanderung aus Südwestdeutschland (Emigration from Southwest Germany)

[http://www.auswanderer-bw.de/sixcms/detail.php?template=a\\_artikel&id=6441&sprache=de](http://www.auswanderer-bw.de/sixcms/detail.php?template=a_artikel&id=6441&sprache=de)

## Familien Books: Familienbuchen, Ortschronik

Antique Book Stores

AddAll - <http://www.addall.com/> Used/Out of Print Books: <http://used.addall.com/>

Ebay - <https://www.ebay.com/> and <https://www.ebay.de/>

Google - <https://www.google.com/> and <https://www.google.de/>



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Wikipedia - <https://www.wikipedia.org/> , <https://en.wikipedia.org/> , and <https://de.wikipedia.org/>

## Maps & Gazetteers

Meyer's Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs 1871-1918 - <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

Gemeindelexikon für das Königreich Preußen - Gazetteer for the Kingdom of Prussia

Available Through FamilySearch

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/14875?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Available Through Ancestry 1905 Version - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/34415/>

Kartenmeister - –Places East of the Oder-Neisse Rivers and is based on the Eastern Provinces as of spring 1918. Helps to identify name changes in this area - <http://kartenmeister.com/>

GOV - The Historic Gazetteer - A Tool For Determining Historical Jurisdictions For Places In The German Empire - <http://gov.genealogy.net/search/index>

Germany Topographic Maps, 1860-1965 At Ancestry

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1294>

The Urpositionsblätter (Original Position Sheets) of the Land Survey in Bavaria

<https://www.bayerische-landesbibliothek-online.de/urpositionsblaetteren>

Familienforschung in Westpreußen - Family Research in West Prussia - <http://www.westpreussen.de/>

JewishGen Gazetteer - Covers more than Germany

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp>

David Rumsey Map Collection - <http://www.davidrumsey.com/home>

Ravenstein Atlas des Deutschen Reichs (Ravenstein Atlas of the German Empire)

<https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/german/ravenstein/>

Maps of Prussia At Tacitus — Shows The Evolution Of Prussia

<http://www.tacitus.nu/historical-atlas/prussia.htm>

Maps At The Newberry Library, Chicago

<https://www.newberry.org/collection/research-guide/cartography-special-map-collections-and-strengths>

Geogen Surname Mapping Tool - Based Upon The German Telephone Book

<http://legacy.stoepel.net/en/>

## German Newspapers

Historic German Newspapers and Journals Online

[https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Historic\\_German\\_Newspapers\\_and\\_Journals\\_Online](https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Historic_German_Newspapers_and_Journals_Online)

Digitized German Newspapers

[https://de.wikisource.org/wiki/Zeitung#Listen\\_digitalisierter\\_Zeitungen\\_.28WS.29](https://de.wikisource.org/wiki/Zeitung#Listen_digitalisierter_Zeitungen_.28WS.29)

## German Records

German Record Finder - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_Record\\_Finder](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Record_Finder)

## Church or Municipal

Styles

Column and/or Paragraph

## Deciphering German Scripts & Handwriting

Transcription VS Translation

Facebook Groups

BYU Script Tutorial: [https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-german-documents-pages/the-german-documents\(english\)](https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-german-documents-pages/the-german-documents(english))

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**Diacritical Marks** - <https://www.thegermanproject.com/german-lessons/german-pronunciation>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German\\_orthography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_orthography)

**Fonts** - <https://www.1001fonts.com/old-german-fonts.html?page=1&items=10>

Fraktur  
Kurrent  
DS Fette  
Schwabacher  
Friedolin

## Church Records

Catholic

Protestant (Evangelische)

## Duplikat Books

## Civil Registration

## Census Records

## Parish Registers or Directories

## Where To Find German Records

### CAUTION: Online Records In General

Are Subject To Agreements With The Owners/Custodians of the Original Records

Agreements Frequently Change

Maybe Available One Day and NOT the next Day WITHOUT Any Notice

Maybe Subject To The Number Of Users Accessing (Looking At) Them At The Same Time

There are Multiple Versions or "Editions" of The Web Sites That Can Be Used

May Be Based Upon Country

May Be Based Upon Institution (Archive or Library Editions etc)

HINT: Download or Screen Capture Any Record You Find While It Is In Front Of You!

Available As A Personal Paid Subscription Or Through A Library or Institution

Personal PAID Subscriptions Allow You To Contact Other Members, Library Editions Do Not

Both A Personal PAID Subscriptions & Library Edition Will Allow A Person To View A Record

Archion Is An Exception: You Must Have A Subscription To Even View The Records

Downloads May Be Restricted

## German Census Records 1816-1916 by Roger P. Minert


## Church Records Online...

Church Books Online by the **Verein für Computer Genealogie**:

[http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kirchenb%C3%BCcher\\_online](http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kirchenb%C3%BCcher_online)

## FamilySearch—FREE—

Requires Registration

Some Records are Resctricted. Hover over the icon  to see the restrictions\*

*\*Restrictions may be subject to use at an Affiliate Library, Your Local Family History Center, The Family History Library in Salt Lake City or to use By Only their Church Members*

General Account: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Germany: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927074?region=Germany>

By Specific Place: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog> (Use this method when possible for best results)

Available as long as there is an Internet Connection, a FHC or an Affiliate Library

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**Matricula Online** (Catholic)—FREE— <http://data.matricula-online.eu/en/>

No Registration Required

Must use Screen Capture If You Want An Image\*\*

Available wherever there is an Internet Connection

**Archion** (Protestant)—PAID SITE €— <https://www.archion.de/en/>

Registration Required

Able To Download Records as a PDF file based upon the subscription and within the limited subscription period

Available as long as there is an Internet Connection & You Have A Personal Subscription

**MyHeritage.com**—PAID SITE \$— <https://www.myheritage.com/>

Registration Required

Image Download Usually Available

Based in Israel

Library Edition is Available at a FHC or possibly your Local Library

Other Sites — Especially For The German American Connection

**Ancestry.com**—PAID \$— <https://www.ancestry.com/>

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/places/europe/germany/>

Registration Required

Image Download Usually Available

Based in the USA but there is a Version solely for Germany Ancestry.de — <https://www.ancestry.de/>

Library Edition is Available at a FHC or possibly your Local Library

**FindMyPast.com**—PAID \$— <https://www.findmypast.com/>

Registration Required

Image Download Usually Available

Based in the UK

Library Edition is Available at a FHC or possibly your Local Library

## Researching By Written Word

Use Wikipedia

Letter (Snail Mail—Postal) Writing Guide

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German\\_Letter\\_Writing\\_Guide](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Letter_Writing_Guide)

Email

## **Archives & Libraries**

German Archive Portal — <https://www.archivportal-d.de/>

Each Modern German State Has At Least One Archive Online

German Digital Library — <https://www.deutsche-digitale-bibliothek.de/>

Other Digital Libraries — [http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:DigiBib/Andere\\_Digitale\\_Bibliotheken](http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:DigiBib/Andere_Digitale_Bibliotheken)

State Libraries in Germany — [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State\\_libraries\\_of\\_Germany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_libraries_of_Germany)

The Newberry Library Chicago - <https://www.newberry.org/collection/research-guides>

HINT: Libraries In or Around Your Place Of Interest Can Often Be Found By Entering The Name Of The Place and the word “bibliothek” in a Google search

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Thode, Ernest. **Historic German Newspapers Online**. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2014

Smith, Kenneth L. **German Church Books: Beyond the Basics**, Revised Edition, Camden ME: Picton Press, 1993

\*\* HINT: Ask Dan Privately What This Means?

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