

# **Introduction to German Research**

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*Find out where to start your German research,  
what records are available and how to find them "schnell"*

## **1<sup>st</sup> - Learn how to research German records**

TIP: Use Google Translations Tools at <http://translate.google.com> where necessary

- FamilySearch.org German Research Guide, Genealogical Word List & Letter-Writing Guide –  
[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset\\_rhelps.asp?Page=../research/Titleg/Titleg.asp&ActiveTab=Title](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp?Page=../research/Titleg/Titleg.asp&ActiveTab=Title)
- Tracing Your German ancestry – <http://genealogy.about.com/od/germany>
- German Roots: German Genealogy Resources – <http://www.germanroots.com>
- Getting Started – <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/outline.html>
- Getting Started Tutorial – <http://www.genealogienetz.de/misc/anfaenger.html>
- Tips For Genealogists – <http://www.genealogienetz.de/misc/tips.html>

## **2<sup>nd</sup> - Find the records**

- German Genealogy Research Service – <http://www.ggrs.com/sites>
- Germany Genweb Site – <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/index.htm>
- Genealogy Links.net – <http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/germany>
- Cyndi's List – <http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm>
- German Genealogy Links –  
<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/1538/german.html>
- Genealogy.Net – <http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html>  
Many helps, listings on locality books in print and/or online
- Ahnenforschung.Net – <http://fernabfrage.ahnenforschung.net>  
see GEDBAS and other databases

## **3<sup>rd</sup> – Use Additional Helps / Resources**

HISTORY and BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Germans in America: A chronology –

- <http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germchro.html>
- Germans in America – <http://usa.usembassy.de/germanamericans-genealogy.htm>

#### MAPS: Historical

- History of the boundaries of the kingdoms and states that became Germany – <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/state.htm>
- Historical Maps (all eras) – <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wggerman/map/index.htm>
- German Gazetteers <http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/gazetteersmain.html>

#### MAPS: Current

- GEOserv - German town locator – <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/resources/geoserv.htm>

#### ONLINE TELEPHONE BOOK:

- <http://www.dastelefonbuch.de>  
Search for a surname of interest in area of origin.  
Search for a surname in all of Germany to see areas where that name is concentrated.

#### EMIGRATION and IMMIGRATION:

- Ancestry.com – <http://www.Ancestry.com>
  - Wuerttemberg Immigration List
  - Brandenburg, Prussia, Immigration List
  - Baden, Germany Immigration List 1866-1911
  - NY Passenger Lists and others on U.S. side.
  - U.S. Census
  - WWI Draft Registration Index and other military records.
  - U.S. Vital Records
  - Newspapers
- Ellis Island – <http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>