

GERMAN RESEARCH

- GERMAN? Lucky You!
- ESSENTIAL - **Birthplace** of your ancestor (no central location for record keeping)
- GOING TO GERMANY TO RESEARCH
- POSSIBLE U.S. Sources
 - Social Security Application
 - Passenger list (Germans to America – Filby and Meyer)
 - Naturalization
 - County History
 - World War I and II
 - U.S. passport applications for return trips
 - Military pension records
 - Church records
 - Death certificates
 - Obituaries
 - International Genealogical Index (familysearch.org)
 - Census (occasionally)
 - Fluke (land record; Schweitzer)

- PLACE Spellings
 - Backwards listings (books)
 - Umlauts
 - Creativity (Szerf)

- GAZETTEERS
 - Meyers Orts-und Verkehrs Lexikon (FHC microfiche)
 - Online - <http://www.progenealogists.com/germangazetteersonline.htm>
 - Map Guide to German Parish Registers

- GERMAN PRINTING and HANDWRITING
 - Fraktur – book printing <http://www.steincollectors.org/library/articles/fraktur/fraktur.htm>
 - German Script – handwriting <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kobie/script.htm>

- FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG (familysearch.org)
 - Place Search
 - Keyword Search
 - Civil Records
 - Church Records
 - Genealogies
 - Request for information from books -
https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/images/5/5f/Request_for_Photocopies.pdf

- NAMES

- Variations
- Repetitive
- Named for godparents
- Reused
- INTERNET
 - Tap into other people's research
 - Village web sites
 - Translations
 - Parish Addresses - Pfarramt
 - Google Maps
 - International Currency Express – www.foreignmoney.com. Order foreign bank drafts for only \$10 online or by phone. Made out to the party you specify and mail the draft to you.
- Familysearch.org (old) – Research Helps – Germany
 - German Letter Writing Guide (don't send International Reply Coupons)
 - Germany Research Outline
 - German Genealogical Word List
- HessenGenWeb - <http://members.cox.net/hessen/table.htm> (some of this information can be used for any German research)
 - Church Archives
 - State Archives
 - Miscellaneous Archives
 - German Research 101 - <http://members.cox.net/hessen/hsstory.htm#fyi>
 - Zip codes - <http://www.uniserv.com/en/demo-clients/demo-post.php>
 - German researchers to hire
- HADIS – Hessisches Archiv Documentation and Information System
- A WORD OF CAUTION – things to do and not to do
<http://members.cox.net/hessen/word.htm>