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Immigrant Ancestor

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Objective To identify immigrant's name, religion, residences, and family members

Name (American) _____

first middle last

Commonly known as _____

1 Name (German) _____

Spelling Variations and Misspellings

2 Religion (American) _____ ↩ _____

First U.S. Residence

City / town / township, county, state _____

Dates _____ ↩ _____

Church Attended _____

Later U.S. Residences

City / town / township, county, state _____

Dates _____ ↩ _____

Church Attended _____

Residence at Death

City / town / rural township, county, state _____

Local Newspaper _____ ↩ _____

Parents' Names _____ ↩ _____

_____ ↩ _____

Siblings' Names

Wife's Maiden Name or Husband's Name (including other marriages)

_____ ↩ _____

Family Members also in America

Their Date of Immigration _____ ↩ _____

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Dates List

Objective To create a timeline of significant life events

Name (American) _____

first middle last

3 Birth Date _____ ← _____

Marriage Date _____ **Location** _____ ← _____
Age _____

Immigration Date _____ ← _____
Age _____

Naturalization Dates

First Papers _____ Where applied? _____
(Declaration of Intent)

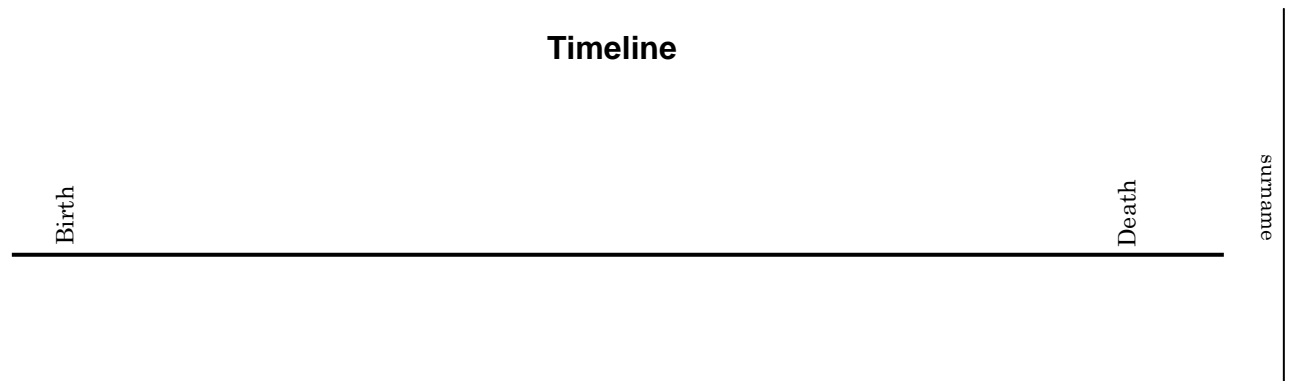
Second Papers _____ Where applied? _____
(Final Papers)

← _____

Death Date _____ ← _____
Age _____

Other Dates—buy property, change residence, remarry, U.S. Census records.

Timeline



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Place of Origin

Objective To identify and locate the immigrant's place of origin

1 Name _____

Location Clues _____ ← _____

4 Town Name _____ ← _____

Spelling Variations of Town Name

Town Name Found in Gazetteer _____ ← _____
name of gazetteer

Location of Town on Map

Nearby cities, geographic features _____

Map coordinates, latitude & longitude _____ ← _____
map source

Location of Town Today

In Today's Germany	Outside Today's Germany
State [<i>Land</i>] _____	Current Town Name _____
Jurisdictions Now _____	Country _____
	Jurisdictions Now _____

Location of Town at Time of Immigration

State or Principality
(German and English spellings) _____

Jurisdictions

Location of Parish Church
(Catholic or Protestant—or Jewish Synagogue) _____

Location of Civil Registry Office

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Objective To determine the location of the parish records and how to access them

Town Name _____

State or Principality _____

(German and English names)

Jurisdictions _____

Location of Parish Church _____

(Catholic or Protestant, or Jewish Synagogue)

Do parish records exist? _____ ↩ _____

Which dates? Which records? _____

Have parish records been microfilmed? _____

Are parish records indexed? _____

Have parish records been extracted into the IGI? _____

Has an *Ortssippenbuch* been published for this town? _____

Obtain Church Records

- **View Microfilmed Parish Records** _____
 Film numbers and location where viewed _____
 Date _____
- **Write to Parish** _____
 Address _____
 Date _____
- **Write to Archives** _____
 Address _____
 Date _____
- **Hire Professional Researcher** _____
 Contact information _____
 Date _____
- **Visit the Town and View the Records** _____
 Contact information _____
 Date _____

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German Family

_____ surname

Objective **To research preceding generations**

Name (American) _____

Name (German) _____

Location of Record (microfilm, archive, etc.) _____

Parish Where Immigrant's Baptims/Birth Record Found _____

Immigrant's Birth Date in Parish Record _____

Other Information from Birth Record _____

Names of Godparents _____

Parents' Names	_____	_____
	father	mother

Parents' Birth Dates	_____	_____
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Parents' Birth Places	_____	_____
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Other Marriages	_____	_____
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Parents' Death Dates	_____	_____
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Siblings' Names, Birth Dates, and Spouses

Indicate whether they emigrated or additional information, if available.

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