

GERMANIC GENEALOGY RESOURCES

The Germanic Genealogy Society has over 2000 books available in the Concordia University Library. All are located in the Reference Room. Look for the GGS Logo on the binding. You will find a large legal 3-ring binder in the reference area labeled "***Germanic Genealogy Society Library Holdings***." It contains indexes of all the books by author, call number and title (English and German). It also includes indexes for the periodicals by journals, magazines, and newsletters in addition to indexes of all our maps which are located near the copy machines.

GGG does **NOT** have actual records such as death certificates, baptisms, passenger lists, etc. The collection consists of maps, atlases, gazetteers, indexes, handbooks, family histories, dictionaries, history and geography of Germany and Germanic countries, *Ortssippenbücher* (village genealogy books), etc. GGS also maintains various German and U.S. genealogy periodicals. These are located on the bottom shelves of our collection.

Twelve recommended sources for Germanic genealogy research:

1. ***Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns***, 3rd ed., by Brandt, et al. R929.1072 G317E2
Handbook for beginning and advanced Germanic genealogy research.
2. ***German Research Companion***, rev. ed., by Shirley J. Reimer. R929.108931 R444g
Reference book of topics related to Germanic genealogy. Including charts, lists, addresses, etc.
3. ***Atlantic Bridge*** (series of 10 volumes), by Charles M. Hall. R929.30943 H14a
Each volume concentrates on a particular area of Germany. Lists resources with detailed maps and gives records available at the FHL. Some new in the series by Linda M. Herrick
4. ***Germans to America: Lists of Passenger Arriving at U.S. Ports***, 74 volumes. R929.308931 G317G
Index to Germans who arrived in the U.S. by date beginning with 1840 to 1897.
5. ***Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs***, 3 volumes. R914.3 M576
Gazetteer of cities, towns, and villages in the German Empire before WWI. Once you find the name of your ancestral village, this will help you locate civil and church records. See #6
6. ***German Researcher: How to Get the Most Out of an LDS Family History Center***, 4th ed. by Fay S. Dearden, R929.1094 D347.
Handbook helpful for deciphering *Meyers Orts-*. It is also a guide to the FHL resources.
7. ***German Church Books: Beyond the Basics***, by Kenneth L. Smith. R929.1072043 Sm61g
This handbook describes the types of records, key words, typical formats, and the customary names and information included in most German church records.
8. ***Lands of the German Empire and Before***, by Wendy K. Uncapher. R929.343 Un1
Source of both the geography and history of Germanic regions. Includes outline maps.
9. ***German-English Genealogical Dictionary***, by Ernest Thode. R929.103 T352g
Dictionary with Germanic genealogy emphasis.
10. ***Address Book for Germanic Genealogy***, 6th ed. By Ernest Thode. R929.1025 T352a6
Addresses for archives, publishers, and other research sources in Germany and North America.
11. ***Ancestors in German archives: a guide to family history sources***, by Raymond S. Wright, III, et al.,
Source for addresses, internet/email, telephone, etc. for archives in Germany.
12. ***Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy: Starting Points for Germanic Genealogy***, by Lois Hemmeter Edwards, GGS, c2005. (being processed)
Concise guide, which includes worksheets and suggested resources. Tips for experienced research.