

Major Germanic Research Regions

Alsace-Lorraine
Austria
Baden
Bavaria
Black Sea Germans
Bohemia
Brandenburg
Brunswick
Eastern Europe
Emsland
Hesse
Lower Saxony
Luxembourg
Mecklenburg
Netherlands
Ostfriesland
Pomerania
Posen
Rhineland-Palatinate
Saxony
Saxony-Anhalt
Schleswig-Holstein
Switzerland
Thuringia
Westphalia
West Prussia
Wuerttemberg
—and Canada

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www.ggsmn.org

MEMBER SERVICES

GGG Library

The GGS reference collection of over 1000 books and periodicals relating to Germanic genealogy is located in the Library Technology Center at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hours and a map are available on our website. The catalog is online and the holdings list is at the GGS website. Call (651) 641-8237 for current hours.

Website

For up-to-date information about GGS and our programs, plus book-order and membership forms, visit

www.ggsnmn.org

Research Help

Volunteers on the Research Committee will search materials in the GGS Library. The fee is \$5.00 per book. Non-members requesting help should submit an additional \$5.00. Send your brief specific research request with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check to GGS at the address on this brochure.

Regional Resource Contacts

A list of experienced GGS volunteers who help members research specific German regions is published in the *Germanic Genealogy Journal*. Members may contact these individuals by phone, mail, or e-mail at no cost for the research advice.

Surname Research Index

GGG maintains a database of the surnames and localities in the U.S. and Europe that our members are researching or have researched. Members can consult the printed database at Concordia University Library or can request that the Research Committee search the database for them.

Regional Groups

GGG encourages and supports regional subgroups of members who are researching a specific region in Europe.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns, 3rd edition

This comprehensive 660-page handbook for Germanic family-history researchers is written and published by GGS. The second edition was highly recommended by librarians and researchers. The book is available in many public libraries or can be purchased from GGS at a special member price. Use the order form in this brochure or at our web site.

Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy

This 100-page hands-on guide for beginning Germanic-genealogy research includes six worksheets to guide your research, a clear goal, and easy-to-read essays on 36 essential topics. This low-cost guide will save you time and frustration as you proceed. Use the order form in this brochure or at our web site.

Germanic Genealogy Journal

Our highly regarded, 32-page, quarterly journal contains articles written by GGS members. Articles typically focus on research strategies, summaries of GGS presentations, reports on genealogical travel, book reviews, historical information, and members' success stories. It is included with membership.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Programs

Our Fall and Winter programs provide presentations, workshops and small-group sessions on a wide variety of topics.

Annual Conference

GGG hosts an annual all-day conference featuring a nationally recognized speaker on Germanic genealogy.

Check the GGS website for current programs.

PURPOSE

The Germanic Genealogy Society's objectives are:

- to provide a national association of those interested in Germanic Genealogy;
- to provide opportunities for the exchange of genealogy ideas and information;
- to hold regular meetings for the instruction and interest of members;
- to encourage interest in Germanic genealogy;
- to publish a quality genealogical journal including articles about library acquisitions, queries, book reviews, and Germanic research strategies;
- to collect, and when practicable, publish genealogical, biographical, and historical material relating to Germanic genealogy worldwide;
- to encourage the establishment of Germanic genealogical resources in libraries.

THE SOCIETY

History

Founded in 1979 as the German Interest Group, the society became a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society in 1981. The name Germanic Genealogy Society (GGG) was adopted in 1992. GGS is a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS). GGS became a member of the Federation of Genealogy Societies in 2000.

Membership

GGG currently has over 600 members from across the United States. We are an all-volunteer organization. Members are encouraged to actively participate in publications, projects, and programs in person or via e-mail.

Officers and Board

At our Annual Business Meeting in November, we elect officers for the coming year. In addition to four elected officers and four Members-at-Large, our Board includes thirteen Committee Chairs. The Board meets six times a year. Meetings are open to all members.