

Top 10 German Genealogy Resources

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The top self-reported ethnic group in the United States with over 44 million is German Americans. With several waves of immigration beginning in the 18th century, resources are available online for tracing your German ancestors back to Germany.



- Ahnenforschung.net**
<http://ahnenforschung.net>
Ahnenforschung.net is a portal all about genealogy and genealogy. Access research tips, discussion forums, etc.
- Archivportal-D**
<https://archivportal-d.de>
Archivportal-D offers sector-specific access to the data in the [German Digital Library](#). Research German National Library and more.
- FamilySearch Wiki – Germany**
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy
Starting point for researching German ancestors, especially those in America. Articles covering church records, immigration, newspapers, etc.
- Germans to America (GenWiki)**
http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Main_Page
GenWiki is a wiki much like Wikipedia with tons of German genealogy resources. Start with Categories.
- Meyers Ort- (Meyers Gazetteer)**
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1074/>
Meyers Geographical and Commercial Gazetteer of the German Empire commonly known as Meyers-Ort, is a gazetteer of the German Empire originally compiled in 1912 with pre-World War I listings
- Bundesarchiv National Archives**
<http://www.bundesarchiv.de>
German Federal Archives; does NOT have vital records. Use registry offices, parish offices or church archives – see Archivportal-D.
- German Roots**
<https://www.germanroots.com>
Start with [Online German Genealogy Records and Databases](#) and [Basic Research Outline for German Genealogy](#).
- German City Directories**
<http://adressbuecher.genealogy.net>
Many German cities kept “address books” which can be used to locate an ancestor in a specific place at a specific time.
- German Name Searches**
<http://www.germannames.com>
Surname distribution lists based on German phone listings – use to find your German immigrant’s village of origin.
- German Online Local Family Books**
<https://www.online-ofb.de/>
Known as *Ortssippenbuch* or *Ortsfamilienbuch*, these books contain birth, marriage, and death information for residents over periods of time.

Check out an expanded **German Genealogy Resource List** on the back page!

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- Ahnenforschung.Net
<http://ahnenforschung.net/>
- Ancestry - Germany
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/places/europe/germany/>
- Bundesarchiv National Archives
<http://www.bundesarchiv.de>
- FamilySearch - Germany
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927074?region=Deutschland>
- FamilySearch Wiki – Germany
<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany>
- GGRS Emigrant Database
<http://www.ggrs.com/emigrants.html>
- German Archive Portal
<https://www.archivportal-d.de/>
- German City Directories
<http://adressbuecher.genealogy.net/>
- German Genealogical Word List
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List
- German Genealogy Group
<https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>
- German Name Searches
<http://www.germannames.com>
- German Online Local Family Books
<https://www.online-ofb.de/>
- German Roots
<https://www.germanroots.com/>
- German Surname Navigator
<https://www.geneaservice.nl/navigator/germany/index.html>
- Germanic Genealogy Society
<https://ggsmn.org/>
- Germans to America
http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Main_Page
- Historic German Newspapers and Journals Online
https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Historic_German_Newspapers_and_Journals_Online
- Meyers Ort- (Meyers Gazetteer)
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1074>
- MyHeritage – Germany
<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-Germany/germany-genealogy-vital-records>