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# GERMAN GENEALOGY

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Call numbers or other location information follow each entry. Books with call numbers beginning with “R” may be used in the library only. *Ancestry* is an electronic database available on computers in all St. Louis County Library branches.

### ORTSSIPPENBÜCHER

*Ortssippenbücher* (also referred to as *Ortsfamilienbücher*) can be literally translated as “local kinship books.” These sources feature compiled genealogies, commonly extracted from church and civil records going back to the late middle ages, and a history of the locality. A list of *Ortssippenbücher* in the collection is available in the Special Collections Department, or they can be searched online in the library catalog.

### MATERIALS COVERING MULTIPLE REGIONS

Hall, Charles M. *The Atlantic Bridge to Germany*. 10 vols. Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1974 – 1995. Each volume features gazetteers, maps, parish indexes and other aids for finding ancestral homes in German-speaking territories.

- Vol. 1 Baden-Wurttemberg
- Vol. 2 Hessen, Rhineland-Palatinate
- Vol. 3 Bavaria
- Vol. 4 Saarland, Alsace-Lorraine, Switzerland
- Vol. 5 Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, Bremen
- Vol. 6 Mecklenburg
- Vol. 7 Brandenburg, East Prussia, West Prussia, Pomerania, Posen
- Vol. 8 North Rhine-Westphalia
- Vol. 9 Saxony, Kingdom Province, Thuringia, Nine Duchies
- Vol. 10 Lower Saxony, Brunswick, Schaumburg-Lippe, Oldenburg

Call no. Q 943 H174A

Hansen, Kevan M. *Map Guide to German Parish Registers*. 19 vols. North Salt Lake, Utah: Heritage Creations, 2004 –. Each volume provides a guide to locating church records in specific German provinces, including an historical overview, emigration information, archives locations, place index, Family History Library microfilm numbers, and other helpful information. Volumes refer to historical boundaries rather than modern German states, making the historical introductions very useful.

- Vol. 1 Grand Duchy of Hessen
- Vol. 2 Grand Duchy of Baden
- Vol. 3 Mecklenburg, Grand Duchies of Schwerin and Strelitz
- Vol. 4 Province of Schleswig-Holstein and Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.
- Vol. 5 – 8 Kingdom of Wurttemberg

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- Vol. 9 – 10 Hessen-Nassau  
Vol. 11 – 13 Province of Rhineland  
Vol. 14 – 23 Kingdom of Bavaria (vol. 23 is a master index for Bavaria)  
Vol. 24 Thuringia

Additional volumes are added to the collection as they become available. Call no. R 943 H249M

### ALSACE

- Burgert, Annette K. *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America*. Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 1992. Call no. R 973.0431 B954E and 973.0431 B954E
- Minert, Roger P. *Alsace-Lorraine Place Name Indexes: Identifying Place Names Using Alphabetical and Reverse Alphabetical Indexes*. Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2000. Call no. R 944.38 M664A
- Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia. *The Alsace Emigration Book*. 2 vols. Apollo, Penn.: Closson Press, 1989-1991. Call no. R 944.383 S377A and 944.383 S377A
- Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia. *The Baden Emigration Book: Including Emigration from Alsace*. Apollo, Penn.: Closson Press, 1992. Call no. 943.46 S377B.

### AUSTRIA

- Rohrbach, Lewis Bunker. *The Salzburger Expulsion Lists*. Rockport, Me.: Picton Press, 1999. R 943.64 S186.
- Senekovic, Dagmar. *Handy Guide to Austrian Genealogical Records*. Logan, Utah: Everton, 1979. Call no. R 943.6 S475H and Q 943.6 S475H

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#### ■ BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

- “Baden, Germany, Emigration Index, 1866 – 1911.” Database online. *Ancestry*.
- Burkett, Brigitte. *Emigrants from Baden and Württemberg in the Eighteenth Century*. Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 1996. Call no. R973.0431 B959E
- Burkett, Brigitte. *Nineteenth-Century Emigrants from Baden-Württemberg*. Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 1997. Call no. 973.0431 B954W
- Emigrants from the West-German Fuerstenberg Territories (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe, 1712, 1737, 1787*. Clifford N. Smith, tr. German-American Genealogical Research Monographs, No. 9. McNeal, Ariz.: Westland Publications, 1981. Call no. Q 943.435 S644N. Also available on *Ancestry*.
- Kuhn, Gertrud. *USA, Deutschland, Baden und Württemberg: Eine Auswahl von Titeln zur Auswanderung und zur Geschichte der Deutsch-Amerikaner, vor allem aus Baden und Württemberg, von den Anfängen bis zum Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges, aus Anlass des 200. Jahrestages der Unabhängigkeit der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika*. [USA, Germany, Baden and Württemberg: A Selection of Titles Concerning Emigration and the History of German-Americans from Baden and Württemberg, from Its Beginnings to the End of the Second World War, in Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States]. Schriftenreihe des Instituts für Auslandsbeziehungen, Stuttgart: Reihe Dokumentation, Band 7. Stuttgart, Germany: Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen, 1976. Call no. R 943.464 K961U
- Minert, Roger P. *Baden Place Name Indexes: Identifying Place Names Using Alphabetical and Reverse Alphabetical Indexes*. Woods Cross, Utah: GRT Publications, 2000. Call no. R 943.464 M664B and Q 943.464 M664B

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Schenk, Trudy, Ruth Froelke and Inge Bork. *The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index*. 7 vols. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc., 1986 – 1998. Call no. R 943.47 S324W and 943.47 S324W. Also available on *Ancestry*.

Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia. *The Baden Emigration Book: Including Emigration from Alsace*. Apollo, Penn.: Closson Press, 1992. Call no. 943.46 S377B.

### ■ HESSEN (HESSE)

Auerbach, Inge. *Hessische Auswanderer (HesAus): Index nach Familiennamen* [Hessian Emigrants: Index by Family Name] 2 vols. in 1. Veröffentlichungen der Archivschule Marburg, Institute für Archivwissenschaft, Nr. 12. Marburg, Germany: Trautvetter & Fischer, 1987-1988. Vol. 1 : Hanau. Vol. 2 : Hessen-Kassel, 1840 – 1850. Call no. R 973.0431 A917H

Eisenberg, Erich, ed. *Kirchenbuchverzeichnis der Evangelischen Kirche von Kurhessen-Waldeck* [Index to Church Books of the Evangelical Church of Kurhessen-Waldeck]. Kassel, Germany: Verlag Evangelischer Presseverband Kurhessen-Waldeck, 1973. Call no. R 943.41 E362K

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Minert, Roger P. *Hesse Place Name Indexes: Identifying Place Names Using Alphabetical and Reverse Alphabetical Indexes*. Woods Cross, Utah: GRT Publications, 2000. Call no. R 943.41 M664H and Q 943.41 M664H

### ■ NIEDERSACHSEN (LOWER SAXONY) INCLUDING OSTFRIESLAND (EAST FRISIA)

See also “Marxkors Emigration Lists” under “Materials covering multiple regions” elsewhere in this guide.

Behrens, Robert H. *We Will Go to a New Land: The Great East Frisian Migration to America, 1845 – 1895*. Mahomet, Ill: Behrens Publishing Co., 1998. Call no. R 973.04392 B421W

Boyken, Hans-Georg and Ruth Boyken. *Wo sind sie geblieben? Ostfriesen in America / Where Did they Stay? East Frisians in America*. 6 vols. Bancroft, Iowa: Boyken & Boyken Partners, 1998. Index and abstracts of obituaries from *Ostfriesische Nachrichten*, a national U.S. newspaper. Call no. R 973.04392

DeWall, Kenneth. *East Friesen Roots*. Bethalto, Ill.: K.H. DeWall, 1986. Index and abstracts of obituaries from *Ostfriesische Nachrichten*, a national U.S. newspaper. Call no. R 973.04392

Kamphoefner, Walter D. *Von Heuerleuten und Farmern: Die Auswanderung aus dem Osnabrücker Land nach Nordamerika im 19. Jahrhundert / Emigration from the Osnabrück Region to North America in the 19th Century*. Bramsche, Germany: Rasch, 1999. Call no. R 943.591 K15V

Marxkors, Heinz. A selection of emigration lists from locales in the former Kingdom of Hanover to St. Libory, St. Clair County, Ill. under various titles. Call no. R 977.389 M392A

A surname index is available on the finding aids counter in the Special Collections Department and on the Department’s website under “Index to Emigrant Volumes by Dr. Heinz Marxkors.”

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### ■ NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN (NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA)

*Beiträge zur Westfälischen Familienforschung*. Periodical. Münster: Westfälische Gesellschaft für Familienforschung. Library has volumes 22, 33, 36, 38, 41, 42 – 47 and 49 – 50. Call no. R 943.56 B423 and 943.56 B423

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Kamphoefner, Walter D. *The Westfalians: From Germany to Missouri*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1987. Call no. 977.8 K15W

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Vedenhalven, Fritz. *Die Auswanderer aus dem Fürstentum Lippe (bis 1877) nach ungedruckten and gedruckten Quellen* [Emigrants from the Principality of Lippe to 1877 Based on Published and Unpublished Sources]. Detmold, Germany: Naturwissenschaftlicher and Historischer Verein für das Land Lippe, 1980. Call no. 943.56 V483A

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Verdenhalven, Fritz. *Namensänderungen ehemals preußischer Gemeinden von 1850 bis 1942 (Mit Nachträgen bis 1950): Ein Schlüssel zu den Umbennungen, Eingemeindungen und Zusammenschlüssen von Stadt und Landgemeinden während eines Jahrhunderts* [Name Changes of Former Prussian Communities, 1850 to 1942 (with Appendix to 1950): A Key to the Renaming, Incorporation and Integration of Communities in the Course of a Century]. Neustadt an der Aisch: Degener, 1971. Call no. R 943 V483N

#### Brandenburg

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Minert, Roger P. *East Prussia Place Name Indexes: Identifying Place Names Using Alphabetical and Reverse Alphabetical Indexes*. Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2006. Call no. R 943.83 M664E

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### Pommern (Pomerania)

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### ■ SACHSEN (SAXONY) AND SACHSEN-ANHALT (SAXONY-ANHALT)

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- Reichling, Gerhard, ed. *Gemeindeverzeichnis für die Hauptwohngebiete der Deutschen außerhalb der Bundesrepublik Deutschland* [Index to Major Areas of German Residence Outside of the Federal Republic of Germany], 2nd ed. Frankfurt a. M., Germany: Verlag für Landesamtswesen, 1982. Call no. R 943 G322.
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