

## FOR THE RECORDS

### Using Ancestry for German genealogical research

*Ancestry.com*, by collecting an astounding amount of data and using extensive marketing, has become perhaps the best-known online resource for genealogical research. Its collection of records from German-speaking countries has grown significantly over the last several years, making it an increasingly important source for German genealogical research.

Access to non-U.S. records requires a “World Explorer” subscription costing \$34.99 per month or \$149.00 every six months, as of this writing. Researchers who do not want to pay the subscription fee can use *Ancestry Library Edition* free at any St. Louis County Library location and at many other public libraries. Content in is comparable to the “World Explorer” personal subscription. The overall appearance and search functions are the same, but some content is available to personal subscribers that is absent in the library version. [A detailed discussion of the differences is at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Library’s website < https://bit.ly/2ESC2of >](https://bit.ly/2ESC2of).

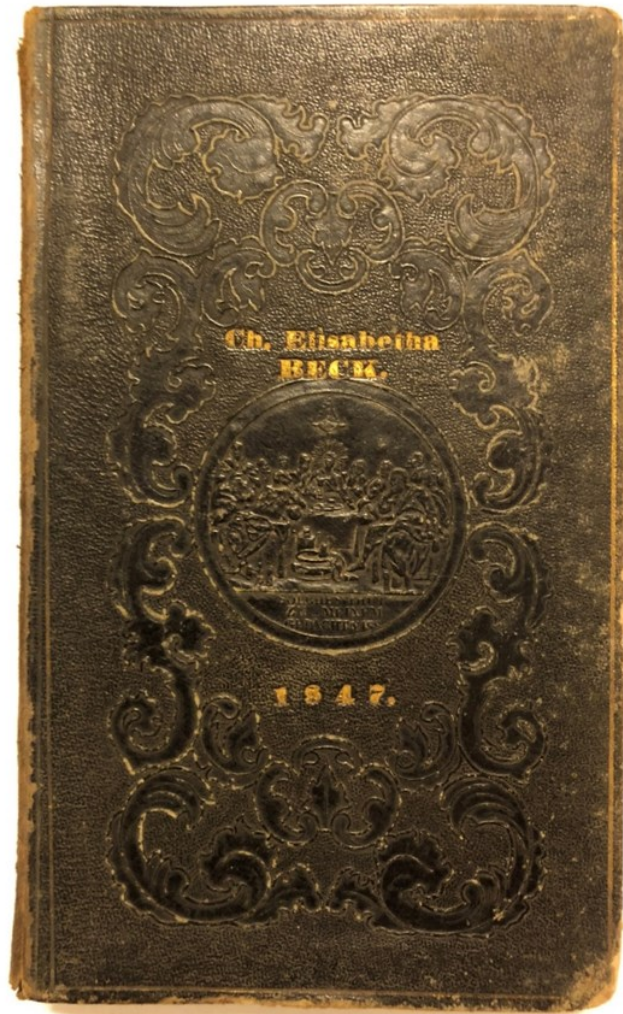
Although many *Ancestry* databases offer images of records, some are indexes, abstracts, or transcriptions that do not. Some databases use information imported from external websites or linked to them, and such instances are noted in such cases.

Databases for German research fall into the typical *Ancestry* categories, with some of the largest classified under “birth, marriage & death,” “immigration & emigration,” or “immigration & travel.”.

Other categories include

- Census & voter lists
- Directories & emigration
- Military
- Reference, dictionaries & almanacs
- Stories, memories & histories
- Wills, probates, land, tax & criminal

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Heirloom objects and family artifacts can provide clues to ancestral origins, as in the case of this Catholic prayer book published in Erfurt, Germany. (See page 6). Source: Private collection.

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The screenshot shows the Ancestry Library website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Message Boards, Learning Center, Charts and Forms, and New Collections. A dropdown menu is open under the 'Search' link, listing various categories: All Categories, Census & Voter Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death, Military, Immigration & Travel, and Card Catalog. The 'Card Catalog' link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a main banner area with a 'Begin Searching' button and a 'Receive Records at Home' section. At the bottom, there are four search category tiles: SEARCH CENSUS, SEARCH VITALS, SEARCH MILITARY, and SEARCH IMMIGRATION.

<https://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/cardcatalog.aspx>

Use Ancestry's card catalog to find databases appropriate to your research. Click on "Search" on the menu bar, and then on "Card Catalog."

## Finding appropriate databases for your research and searching them

Start by clicking once on the "Search" link at the top of *Ancestry's* home page. From the resulting menu, click on the "Card Catalog" link. An alternative way to search is to double click on the green "Search" button on the *Ancestry* homepage. Under "Explore by Location" on the resulting page, click on "Europe" and then on the country of interest. Either method will return a list of more than 2,000 databases, so you will want to narrow your search.

### Finding a database by place name

Many *Ancestry* databases relate to a specific town, village, or state / territory. Open the card catalog as described above and enter a place name in the keyword search box. If you are researching a specific

village, try searching by the village name, or the name of the village where the church or civil registry (*Standesamt*) is located. If your German-speaking ancestors did not live in Germany, you still search by place name. A keyword search on "Banat," for example, returned the database title, "Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1607–1914." The database includes records of German speakers living in Banat and Transylvania. If you want to narrow your search further, you can click on filters listed under "Filter by Collection" under the catalog search box.

### Search the "mega" databases

While many *Ancestry* databases are small and narrowly focused, some vital record collections include tens of millions of records across large time periods. Some of these include:

- “Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1518–1921” (27 million records)
- “Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500–1971” (45 million records)
- “Germany, Select Marriages, 1558–1929” (28.5 million records)
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558–1898 (110 million records)

records from your ancestral town in Hannover.

As another example, you are researching an ancestor born in 1875 who emigrated from an unknown village in the Rhineland. You try searching the database, “Rhineland, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1610–1925.” Your search returns no results, so you read the “About” section:

This collection contains an index of names found in parish registers from several Protestant communities that are today part of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia...They are primarily from the cities of Duisburg, Mülheim an der Ruhr and Oberhausen. Records from Duisburg begin in 1610, year of the first general synod of the Reformed Church... All communities in this collection belonged to the French Department de la Roer from 1808 to 1813. After 1815 they became part of Rhenish Prussia. For that reason, many record sets in this collection end in 1874 because, in addition to records traditionally kept by the Church in Prussian provinces, the State mandated in 1874 that personal and vital statistics be recorded by local registry offices.

### Know what the scope of the database is before you begin searching

Each *Ancestry* database page includes “Source Information” and “About” sections. Researchers would do well to read this information carefully and not just depend on the database title. For instance, suppose you are researching an ancestor from a village that you know was in the former Kingdom of Hannover. A keyword search on “Hannover” in the *Ancestry* catalog returns a possible database: “Saxony, Thuringia, and Hannover, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1557–1940.” The “About” section describes the database as follows:

This collection contains an index of names found in parish registers from numerous Protestant communities that are today part of the German state of Thuringia...The collection includes, among others, the cities of Erfurt, Nordhausen and Langensalza. Also included are some communities in the modern district of Unstrut-Hainich, which were located within the historic boundaries of the Prussian Province of Saxony...

The scope of this database concerns a historical territory that was known as the Prussian Province of Saxony (not to be confused with the modern state Saxony). It deals specifically with the parts of the territory that are now part of present-day Thuringia. Nothing in the database description indicates that records from Hannover are included in the database, and it is unclear why “Hannover” is included in the database title. The point is, if you had not read this information, you would have been disappointed that you did not find

### About Saxony, Thuringia, and Hannover, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1557-1940

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Researchers should not rely solely on databases titles, but should read the “About” sections to understand the scope of the data.

This information offers several clues as to why your search was not successful: 1) This database covers specific towns in the modern state of North Rhine-Westphalia and only covers part of the Rhineland area, and 2) many records end in 1874 when the recording of vital statistics was transferred from churches to civil registry offices.

Another thing to keep in mind is the use of the term “Lutheran” in database titles. In this case, the database states that the records are Lutheran, the “About” information implies they are Reformed. Researchers should consider “Lutheran” to include all Protestants unless the “About” section states otherwise.

As a third example, you search for Johann Anton Abels in the database, “Germany, Select Marriages, 1558–1929.” This happens to be a database shared with *FamilySearch*. The information in the “About” section states, “You can learn more about this collection at the FamilySearch website,” and a link is provided. On the *FamilySearch* website you read,

This index is not complete for any particular place, region or time period. This collection may include information previously published in the International Genealogical Index [IGI].

The IGI is a collection of records contributed or indexed by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A search for Johann Anton Abel returns a record for a marriage to Anna Maria Gertrud Hagenback on 5 May 1788 in Rellinghausen, Rhineland. No image is linked to the record, but it lists FHL Film Number 489996 as the source of the information. Searching for the film number in the *FamilySearch* catalog shows that the film contains the Protestant Church records of Elberfeld and is available digitally.

**Dealing with misspellings and alternative spellings of names**

German researchers often encounter misspelled

**More Ancestry search tips**

The screenshot shows the Ancestry search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search' button and a checkbox for 'Match all terms exactly'. Below this are input fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)' and 'Last Name', with 'schmidt' entered in the last name field. There is also an 'Exact...' checkbox. Further down, there are dropdown menus for 'Day', 'Month', and 'Year' under the 'Birth' section, and a 'Location' dropdown with 'City, County, State, Count' as an option. There are also dropdowns for 'Marriage' and 'Any Event'. Below these are sections for 'Add family member:' with options for 'Father', 'Mother', and 'Spouse', each with its own name input fields. At the bottom, there is a 'Keyword' search box with an example 'e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"'. The entire interface is set against a light green background.

- Use the search box for individual databases (as opposed to the global search boxes found by under each category on the Ancestry home page) Doing so will return a manageable number of hits.
- Start by filling out as much information as you can and clicking the “exact” or “match all terms exactly” boxes.
- If the search returns no hits or the wrong ones, start unclicking the “exact” boxes and remove information from selected search boxes until you get good results.
- If you still get no results, remove the surname and search on the first name, but add corroborating information, such as spouse’s name, parent’s name, birth date, etc.
- Instead of searching for the individual of interest, search for a spouse or parent that might appear on the same record. This is an especially useful technique if the individual’s name is very common, but the spouse or parents’ names are more unique.

names or variant spellings. Fortunately, Ancestry provides “Wild Cards,” symbols that can help in these situations. The asterisk (\*) symbol can be substituted for three to five letters in a name. For example, the name “Christiana” can be interpreted as “Christine,” “Christina,” “Christian,” etc. Searching on “Christ\*”

will return records that you might have otherwise missed.

The question mark (?) symbol can be used to substitute for one letter. “Holl,” for example, is frequently misspelled as “Hall” or “Hull.” Searching on “H?l” will return hits for all of these spellings and others. [More information about using wild cards is available on Ancestry’s website](https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Searching-with-Wild-Cards) <<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Searching-with-Wild-Cards>>. See the sidebar on the previous page for more tips.

Many German surnames can be spelled different ways, and the matter is complicated by how non-German speakers can interpret handwriting when transcribing or indexing records. The name “Meyer,” for example, can also be spelled “Meier,” “Myer,” “Maier,” “Mayer,” and even “Mire.”

Non-English characters can cause difficulties, as in the case of *Umlauts* (ä, ö, ü). The dots above the vowel represent the letter “e” and create the equivalent of “ae,” “oe,” and “ue.” The name, “Müller,” for instance, might appear as “Muller,” “Mueller,” and “Miller.” The *eszett* (ß), representing a double “s,” can be transcribed as “ss,” “sz,” or sometimes “tz.” Researchers should be aware of possible spelling variations and use them when searching databases.

## Two case studies using *Ancestry* databases in German research

### Case study 1: Christiana Elisabetha Beck

The researcher is trying to determine the birthplace of Christiana Elisabetha Beck. She left one important artifact: her Catholic prayer book published in Erfurt and stamped with her name and the year 1847. She was not found in the 1850 federal census, and she died before 1860. A record from St. Vincent de Paul Church, St. Louis, states she married Jakob Wilhelm Müller on 15 Jan. 1852 and was the daughter of Heinrich Christoph Beck and Elisabeth Köthe. Witnesses were Wilhelm Benning and Crescentia Beck. The record does not state her birth place.

Beck is a common name, and “Christiana” can appear in records under various spellings, but knowing the first names of Christiana’s parents could make it easier to find a passenger arrival records. A search of the *Ancestry* database, “New York Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820–1957,” produced a manifest from the ship *Howard* arriving on 18 July 1851 with members of the Beck family: Eliz., 39; Wilhelmina, 18; Christine, 17; Crescentia, 16; Wilhelm, 14; Ernest, 12; and Jacob, 11. The first page of the manifest indicated that the *Howard* originated in Hamburg and that the captain’s name was Jacobs.

The next step was to search the “Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850–1934” database to find the family’s departure record. As expected, they were listed on the embarkation list of the ship *Howard*, which departed Hamburg on 1 June 1851 bound for New York and piloted by Captain Jacobs. The record was in substantial, but not complete agreement with the New York arrival record (see box, below). Christiana’s name is missing, but she obviously arrived in New York. The Hamburg record listed Erfurt, Saxony (today located in Thuringia) as the place of birth.

The Hamburg list not only provided Christiana’s German place of origin, its 1851 date explains why she was absent in the 1850 census. The information also dovetails nicely with the information found on the prayer book. A search of *Ancestry*’s card catalog for

### Comparison of passenger departure and arrival lists for the Beck family

Hamburg departure list	New York arrival list
Eliz. Beck (no age given)	Elisabeth Beck, 39
Minna, age 18	Wilhelmina, 18
	Christina, 17
Crescentia, 14	Crescentia, 16
Wilhelm, 16	Wilhelm, 14
Johann, 11	Earnest, 12
Jacob, 10	Jacob, 11

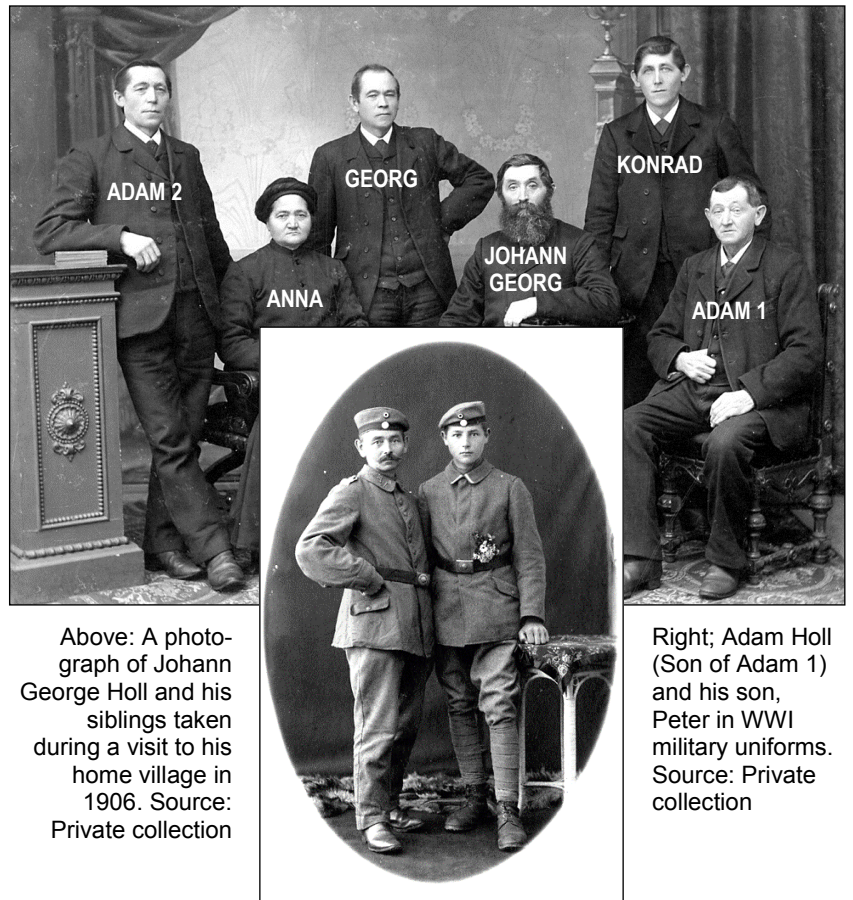
the city of Erfurt returned a list of other databases, opening up further avenues of research.

**Case study 2: The Holl family in Bavaria**

Johann Georg Holl (known in the U.S. as “George”) was born in Oberpreuschwitz, a village near Bayreuth, Bavaria in 1850 and was the only one in his family to emigrate. George left behind many letters and photographs he received from relatives over a 70-year period beginning in 1870, when he emigrated. This valuable resource revealed George’s three brothers to be Johann Adam (known as Adam 1), Georg, another Johann Adam (known as Adam 2), and Konrad, and his sister, Anna (see photo, right). Most Bavarian church records are neither available on microfilm in the U.S. nor digitally through *Ancestry* or *FamilySearch*. Nonetheless, the researcher was curious if *Ancestry* could provide more information about the Holl family in Germany.

Searching the Ancestry card catalog for “Oberpreuschwitz” returned no database titles, but using “Bayreuth” resulted in one interesting possibility: “Bavaria, Germany, WWI Personnel Rosters, 1914–1918.” A search on “Holl” and the place name “Oberpreuschwitz” returned multiple rosters for Adam Holl, Johann Holl, and Peter Holl. Examining the documents provided birthdates and the names of spouses and parents. Comparing this information to George’s letters and photographs, the researcher was able to place these individuals in the family tree.

The rosters not only provided information about the families of George’s siblings, it interest to the family



Above: A photograph of Johann George Holl and his siblings taken during a visit to his home village in 1906. Source: Private collection

Right; Adam Holl (Son of Adam 1) and his son, Peter in WWI military uniforms. Source: Private collection

story. For example, the records proved that Peter Holl was the son of Adam Holl (the son of George’s sibling, Adam 1). Both father and son served in the army at the same time, which corresponded with a photo of two men in uniform found in George’s collection of materials (above). In addition, Johann’s service record states that he was killed in battle at Lucy, France. [A search of the Internet site, Gefallenendenkmäler \(War Memorials\)](http://www.denkmalprojekt.org) <<http://www.denkmalprojekt.org>> returned a photo of a memorial in Oberpreuschwitz on which his name is inscribed.

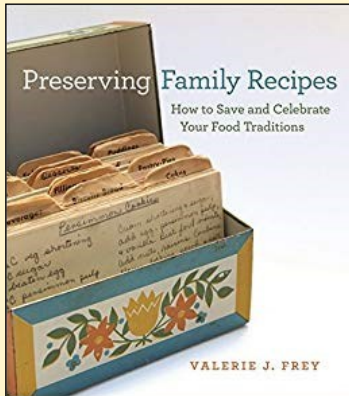
**Analysis of WWI personnel rosters for members of the Holl family from Oberpreuschwitz**

Name	Birthdate	Birth place	Name of wife	Names of parents
Adam Holl	20 Sept. 1872	Oberpreuschwitz	Margarethe Hermannsdörfer	Adam Holl & Anna Münch
Peter Holl	11 July 1891	Oberpreuschwitz	Single	Adam Holl & Margarethe Hermannsdörfer
Johann Holl	18 Sept. 1899	Oberpreuschwitz	Single	Konrad Holl & Kunigunde Kirschner

# Shelf life

## SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

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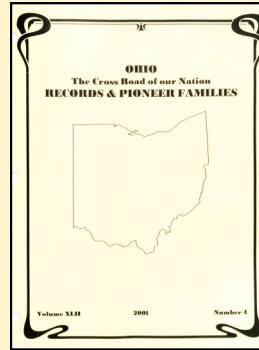


It started with a bowl of squirrel mulligan, a traditional meal eaten in rural Arkansas. Author Valerie J. Frey remembers squealing with laughter when her mother recounted the story of her first dinner with her in-laws. The

dish may have seemed strange, shocking, and even macabre (the squirrel's skull floated among the other odds and ends that formed the recipe), but for Frey it was also a central piece of her family's cultural history. In her book, *Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions* (R 641.502 F893P), Frey teaches genealogists another way to appreciate and document their family history.

Chapters in the book cover a wide variety of concerns and guidance on processes. Frey suggests ways to collect, preserve, test, perfect, and publish recipes on your own or as a group. Many family recipes are lost with the cook due to incomplete and unwritten instructions, but Frey has several tips for researching and reconstructing dishes, as well as sourcing or substituting uncommon ingredients. In Chapter 6, Frey uses a teacake recipe attributed to her great-great-grandmother to walk readers through to process of finding subtle details that can help date recipes. A list of popular cookbooks published as early as 1727 may provide clues to the origin of a family dish, or help genealogists determine the types of recipes distant ancestors may have enjoyed. Appendices include examples of combining family stories with fully described recipes.

### Periodical | Ohio Records and Pioneer Families



*Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* (R 977.1 O37) began life in 1960 as the private publication of Esther Weygandt Powell. In 1970, she turned the publication over to the Ohio State Genealogical Society so that money raised through subscriptions could fund the society's library. Publication ceased in 2012.

The journal featured articles and abstracts of data of all types, as long as they were pertinent to Ohio research. Typical articles include Revolutionary War Pension Abstracts of soldiers who settled in the state, Quadrennial Enumerations for various counties, school attendance records, railroad disasters, and newspaper abstracts. Any or all of these might be of interest to anyone researching Ohio ancestors.

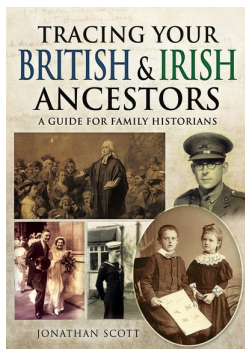
History & Genealogy has all of the volumes from 1–41. Many are from the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection and can be checked out or requested through interlibrary loan. The library also owns a print index for volumes 1–25 in volume 27. [Other years can be searched on PERSI, the Periodical Search Index, found on Findmypast](#) <<https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>>.

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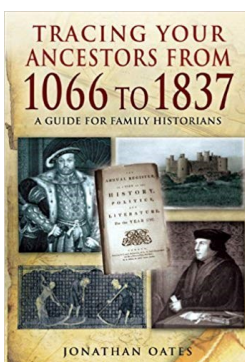
**JONATHAN SCOTT**

**Tracing Your British & Irish Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians**  
 Pen & Sword, 2016  
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Finding a way into the sources for British and Irish family history can be a daunting task if you live overseas. That is why this introductory book will be so valuable for anyone who is trying to trace their British and Irish ancestors and gain an understanding of their lives and the world they knew.

In a clear and easily accessible fashion, Jonathan Scott takes the reader through the key stages of research. He describes the principal sources and gives advice on how best to explore them. His handbook provides the building blocks for anyone who is entering this fascinating and rewarding field.

He guides the newcomer through the first steps of research, then focuses on the national, regional and local archives and other sources in Britain and Ireland. He outlines their history, giving advice on how to get precise and revealing information from them. Parish records and the records left by nonconformists, Jews and Catholics are covered as well as wills and probate, migration, working lives, poverty, crime, debt, divorce and adoption.—*Publisher*



**JONATHAN OATES**

**Tracing Your Ancestors from 1066 to 1837: A Guide for Family Historians**  
 Pen & Sword, 2017  
 R 942 O11T

The trail that an ancestor leaves through the Victorian period and the twentieth century is relatively easy to follow – the records are plentiful, accessible and commonly used. But how do you go back further, into the centuries be-

fore the central registration of births, marriages and deaths was introduced in 1837, before the first detailed census records of 1841? How can you trace a family line back through the early modern period and perhaps into the Middle Ages? Jonathan Oates's clearly written new handbook gives you all the background knowledge you need in order to go into this engrossing area of family history research.

He starts by describing the administrative, religious and social structures in the medieval and early modern period and shows how these relate to the family historian. Then in a sequence of accessible chapters, he describes the variety of sources the researcher can turn to. Church and parish records, the records of the professions and the courts, manorial and property records, tax records, early censuses, lists of loyalty, militia lists, charity records – all these can be consulted. He even includes a short guide to the best methods of reading medieval and early modern script.

Jonathan Oates's handbook is an essential introduction for anyone who is keen to take their family history research back into the more distant past.—*Publisher*

### Other guides to British Isles genealogy published by Pen & Sword Books

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*Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians.* R 944 C492T and circulating copy

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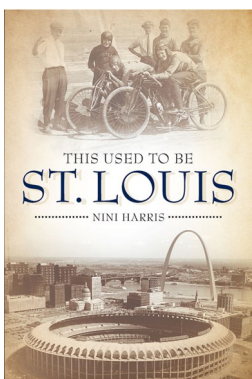
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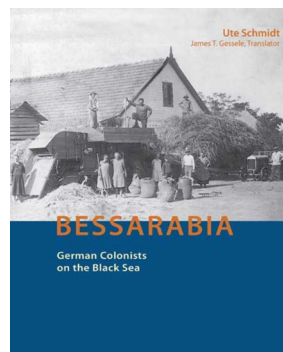
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**NINI HARRIS**  
**This Used to Be St. Louis**  
 Reedy Press, 2018  
 977.866 H313T

St. Louis's history is layered. Each layer, whether the French pioneers establishing St. Louis as a river trading post, or Swiss immigrants starting dairy farms and dairies, or immigrants from Europe putting on the uniforms of the American dough-boy, has left an imprint on the city. *This Used to Be St. Lou-*

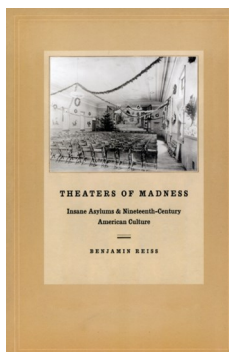
*is* is a fun trip through those layers of history following the story of: the glamorous, urban lofts that had been the factory for ball turrets for World War Two Air Force bombers; the dock of the pasta plant where the Civil War ironclads were built; the elegant townhouse that once served as an Albanian Orthodox Church.—*Publisher*



**UTE SCHMIDT**  
**Bessarabia: German Colonists on the Black Sea**  
 Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, 2011  
 R 947.6 S354B

In 1813 Czar Alexander I invited German settlers to make their home on the Black Sea as colonists. Within five to six generations, these immigrants, most of them coming from Prussia and Southwestern Germany, established a prosperous, organized community. They lived among Moldovans, Russians, Ukrainians, Bulgarians, Jews and other groups in peaceful neighborhoods as a small minority in a colorful variety of ethnic and religious communities. In 1918 the region came under Romanian rule. The resettlement of the Germans in autumn 1940 signified the end of a full 125-year settlement history.

The book describes the origin and form of settlement of the Germans in Bessarabia, their local autonomy and their rural culture steeped in Protestant ethics as well as the coexistence with other nationalities. The author closes with observations about today's Bessarabia that in part belongs to the Republic of Moldova and to Ukraine.—*Publisher*

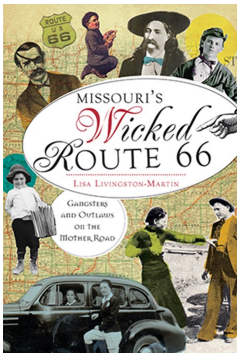


**BENJAMIN REISS**  
**Theaters of Madness: Insane Asylums & Nineteenth-Century American Culture**  
 University of Chicago Press, 2008  
 R 362.21 R378T

In the mid-1800s, a utopian movement to rehabilitate the insane resulted in a wave of publicly funded asylums—many of which became unexpected centers of cultural activity. Housed in magnificent structures with lush grounds, patients

participated in theatrical programs, debating societies, literary journals, schools, and religious services. *Theaters of Madness* explores both the culture these rich offerings fomented and the asylum's place in the fabric of nineteenth-century life, reanimating a time when the treatment of the insane was a central topic in debates over democracy, freedom, and modernity.

Benjamin Reiss explores the creative lives of patients and the cultural demands of their doctors. Their frequently clashing views turned practically all of American culture—from black-face minstrel shows to the works of William Shakespeare—into a battlefield in the war on insanity. Reiss also shows how asylums touched the lives and shaped the writing of key figures, such as Emerson and Poe, who viewed the system alternately as the fulfillment of a democratic ideal and as a kind of medical enslavement. Without neglecting this troubling contradiction, *Theaters of Madness* prompts us to reflect on what our society can learn from a generation that urgently and creatively tried to solve the problem of mental illness.—*Publisher*



**LISA LIVINGSTON-MARTIN**

**Missouri's Wicked Route 66**  
The History Press, 2013

**R 364.1092 L787M**

**Circulating copies available in the Library's general collection**

Tracing Route 66 through Missouri represents one of America's favorite exercises in nostalgia, but a discerning glance among the roadside weeds reveals the kind of sordid history that doesn't appear on postcards. Along with vintage cars and picnic baskets, Route 66 was a conduit humming with contraband and crackling with the gunplay of folks like Bonnie and Clyde, Jesse James and the Young brothers. It was also the preferred byway of lynch mobs, murderous hitchhikers and mad scientists. Stop in at places like the Devil's Elbow and the Steffleback Bordello on this trip through the more treacherous twists of the Mother Road.—*Publisher*

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Are you aware of census enumerations other than the decennial federal population census? Learn about other federal enumerations and state census enumerations.

Speaker: Ted Steele

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Are online trees a genealogist's friend or foe? Learn tools for evaluating them so you can decide whether to incorporate their data into your own work. Speaker: Dan Lilienkamp

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