



GERMANIC GENEALOGY

This guide contains a sample of The Newberry Library resources on this topic. Consult a reference librarian, the library web site, or catalog for more details.

Sources in this guide are strongest for the 19th and 20th centuries. To research Germans in this country, use the subject heading “Germans – [location]”. When researching Pennsylvania Germans, search both “Germans – Pennsylvania” and “Pennsylvania Dutch”. Other helpful subject headings include: “Germany – Genealogy” and “German Americans”.

You may also wish to consult the LDS **International Genealogical Index** and the **Family History Library Catalog**. Both are online at <http://www.familysearch.org>. Through a loan program with that library, microfilm and microfiche of German records can be ordered for use at the Newberry. Inquire at the reference desk.

GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Baxter, Angus. **In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe**. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994. Call # Local History Ref CS614 .B39 1994 (2nd floor open shelf).

Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns. St. Paul, MN: Germanic Genealogy Society, 1997. Call # Local History Ref CS614 .G47 1997 (2nd floor open shelf).

Thode, Ernest. **Address Book for Germanic Genealogy**. 6th ed. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub., 1997. Call # Local History Ref CS611 .T48 1997 (2nd floor open shelf).

Wright, Raymond. **Ancestors in German Archives : A Guide to Family History Sources**. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004. Call # Local History Ref CS614 .A55 2004 (2nd floor open shelf).

ATLASES AND GAZETTEERS

Andrees Allgemeiner Handatlas. Vienna, 1913. Call # +G10.03. No photocopying from originals. Some central/eastern European plates available for copying from microfiche. Call # Microfiche 2818.

Atlas of the German Empire, 1892. Bountiful, Utah: Thomsen's Genealogical Center, 1989. Call # G1912.2.A8 1989 (in map/atlas display area on top of shelves, 2nd floor).

Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs. Leipzig: Bibliographisches Institut, 1912-1913. Call # Microfilm 1187. More detailed than Neumanns.

Neumanns Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs. Leipzig: Verlag des Bibliographischen Instituts, 1905. Call # Local History Ref DD14 .N48 1905a (2nd floor open shelf).

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

Deutsche biographische Enzyklopädie (DBE). München; New Providence: K.G. Saur, 1995-2000. Call # Ref CT759 .D48 1995 (3rd floor open shelf).

DICTIONARIES

The New Cassell's German Dictionary. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1962. Call # Local History Ref PF3640 .N47 1962 (2nd floor open shelf).

Thode, Ernest. **German-English Genealogical Dictionary**. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 1992. Call # Local History Ref CS6.T48 1992 (2nd floor open shelf).

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION (see also the Passenger Lists pathfinder)

Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports. Wilmington, Del.: Scholarly Resources, c1988-. Call # Local History Ref E184.G3 G38 1988 (2nd floor open shelf). Covers 1850-1897. Earlier years 1840-1848 covered by call # Local History Ref E184. G3 G39 2002 (2nd floor open shelf).

Hacker, Werner. **Eighteenth Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany (to America and other countries)**. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 1994. Call # Local History Ref CS614.H33 1994 (2nd floor open shelf).

Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia. **The Baden Emigration Book: Including Emigration from Alsace**. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 1992. Call # Local History Ref E184.G3 S376 1992 (2nd floor open shelf).

The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index. Salt Lake City, Utah: Ancestry Inc., 1986-. Call # Local History Ref E184 .G3 S34 (2nd floor open shelf).

HERALDRY

Siebmacher, Johann. **J. Siebmacher's Grosses und Allgemeines Wappenbuch.** 82 volumes. Nurnburg: Bauer und Paspe, 1856-1938. Call # Local History Ref oCR1179 .S53 1856 (2nd floor open shelf). Index to surnames in **General-Index zu den Siebmacher'schen Wappenbüchern**, 1605-1961. Call # Local History Ref CR1179 .S53 1856, Index 2 (2nd floor open shelf).

NEWSPAPERS

The Newberry holds several 19th century German language Chicago newspapers which ran detailed obituaries. **Holdings are not complete for years listed; consult catalog for details.**

- *Abendblatt* (evening edition of *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*), call # Microfilm 1408. 1893-1899.
- *Abend-Press*, call #A6.16091. 1896-1898.
- *Chicago Sonntags-Zeitung* (Sunday edition of *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*), call # Microfilm A6.16645. 1862-1867.
- *Chicagoer Freie Presse*, call #A6.1609. 1889-1896.
- *Chicagoer Arbeiter-Zeitung*, call #Microfilm A6.1603. 1879-1889.
- *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*, daily edition. Call # Microfilm 1405. 1862-63, 1866-68. Call # Microfilm 1406. 1864, 1869, 1870. Call # Microfilm 596. 1871-1880. Call # Microfilm 1392. 1880-87, 1888-1900. Call # Microfilm 1407. 1888.
- *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*, weekly edition. Call # Microfilm 1409. 1863-64, 1871-79, 1881-84, 1886-99.

PERIODICALS

Deutsches Geschlechterbuch. Gorlitz: C.A. Starke, 1911-. Call # CS621. D58 (index volumes on 2nd floor open shelf). Collected genealogies of generally upper-class families. Every surname indexing in each volume. Cumulative indexing of families who are subjects of articles in volumes 1-185 in **Stammfolgen-Verzeichnisse: Genealogische Handbuch des Adels und Deutsches geschlechterbuch.** Call # Local History Ref CS621 .D58 (2nd floor open shelf).

For a overall guide to the Starke genealogical sets (including paging instructions) see **Guide to German Genealogy Books Published by C.A. Starke-Verlag : Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels, Adelslexikon, Deutsches Geschlechterbuch.** Call #Local History Ref CS621 .D58 Guide (2nd floor open shelf.)

German Genealogical Digest. Pleasant Grove, Utah: Jensen Publications, c1985-. Call # CS610 .G47.

PRINTED BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

In 2004, the Newberry Library acquired the Stopp collection of *fraktur* -- printed birth and baptismal certificates created by German-Americans. These certificates are indexed by **The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans** by Klaus Stopp. Call # Ref 184.G3 S83 1997 (3rd floor open shelf). Copy reference from book and take to Special Collections on 4th floor to view originals. Further information on these certificates is available at the Genealogy Reference Desk, 2nd floor.

Selected German Interest Collections

The following manuscript collections are held in the Special Collections Department on the 4th floor. A longer version of this list is kept in the Modern Manuscript descriptions binder at the checklist table, 3rd floor.

Germanistic Society

Reactions of the Chicago community to German-based clubs and institutions, pre-WWI.

Alma Schmidt Petersen

Wealthy Chicago family making adjustments to impending war with Germany, 1914.

Wilhelm Rapp

Chicago German language newspaperman; '48er.

Herman Raster

Chicago German language newspaperman; '48er.

Marx Schlund

Civil War diarist; Chicago German-American 82nd Regiment, Illinois volunteer.

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