

FamilySearch.org a Place to Research, Share, and Preserve Your Family History Legacy 2015 SGGEE Family History Convention

Outline:

1. History and Mission of FamilySearch
 2. Gathering Background or Reference Material:
 - Get Help, Research Wiki, Books, Learning Centre, FamilySearch Catalogue, FamilySearch Blog
 3. Searching for Records:
 - Search – Records, Genealogies, Family History Centres
 4. Preserving Your Family History Legacy:
 - Trees, Photos, Documents, Mobile Apps
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History and Mission of FamilySearch:

- Established in 1894 by President Wilford Woodruff
- Main FamilySearch Library is located in Salt Lake City Utah
- Mission has always been to Gather, Preserve, and Share genealogical information resources

Why have a FamilySearch website account:

1. To place online orders
2. Gain access to FamilyTree
3. Participate in Memories – uploading photos, stories, documents, audio files, and creating digital photo albums
4. Authoring Wiki articles
5. Gain access to digital online books and records

Website Features:

Footer

- About – learn more about FamilySearch
- Blog – Access FamilySearch Blog articles for the latest news and updates, check out TechTips under categories for learning how to use technology to assist you in your family history efforts
- Feedback – where you can provide feedback about the website
- Site Map – where you can access links to many pages of the website from one page (it is a map of the FamilySearch website)
- Languages – website is hosted in many languages for users to select

Gathering Background or Reference Material:

Get Help – Various ways to access help from FamilySearch; email, live chat, phone, and Learning Centre (free online courses)

Under Get Help – you can select various topics – FAQs and tips and tricks, and other resources for:

1. Family Tree
 2. Memories
 3. Search
 4. Indexing
 5. FamilySearch Account
 6. General Assistance
 7. Family History Centres
 8. Mobile
 9. Partners
- You can visit the Getting Started area for a step by step guide on how to begin and video clips
 - Learning Center offers courses by place, skill level, subject, most popular, and also by the newest courses (24 courses available for Germany when doing a keyword search)
 - Courses Highlighted from the Learning Centre for Germany (remember there are many more to select on the website):
 - “My Ancestors are from Germany and I don’t Speak German”
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/my-ancestors-are-from-germany-and-i-dont-speak-german/554>

“German Churchbook Analysis-Reconstructing a German Immigration Area”

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/german-churchbook-analysis-reconstructing-a-german-immigration-area/559>

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"German Script Tutorial"

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/german-script-tutorial/91>

- Research Wiki – FamilySearch’s version of Wikipedia – contains over 82,000 community articles, this is also a place where you can give back and provide your expertise to the community (search results for Germany was 4,623 articles). Germany Wiki Portal: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy
- See the Germany Gazetteers Research Wiki articles to find out how FamilySearch organizes their FamilySearch catalogue information for Germany https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Gazetteers
 - Finding Place Names in FamilySearch Catalogue – Place searches based on the German Empire as it existed in 1871
 - FHL uses Meyers Gazetteer as the standard guide for listing German places

FamilySearch Catalogue:

Search by –

- Places
- Surnames
- Titles
- Author
- Subjects
- Keywords
- Call Number
- Fiche/Film Number
- By FHC

Searching for Records:

Search Tab:

- **Books** – Access digital online books (key word search results for Germany was over 56,700 entries), some books may only be accessible online through a computer at your local FHC, some you may be able to access from your home
- **Records** – Access to online historical records collections for free, some records may be indexed with images, and some may not have indexes, but have images that can be browsed, and some collections are only indexes without images
- **Browse All Published Collections** – allows users to see all published collections by place and filter out collections as desired
- **Main Records Page** – includes a search engine with filters where users can search by life event, relationships, residence, and users can restrict record searches

56 Historical Record Collections for Germany:

Types of Records Available for Germany include

- Census Records
- Civil Registration (Birth, Marriage, & Death Records)
- Church Book Duplicates, Church Records (Christening, Marriages, Burials)
- Probate & Court Records
- Military Records
- Migration & Naturalization (Departure Lists)
- City Directories
- Miscellaneous City Records
- Citizen Lists
- Family Group Sheets
- Jewish Records
- Index to Funeral Sermons and Memorials
- Citizen Documents and Business Licenses

Highlighted the following collections:

- German Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898

Wiki Article:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Births_and_Baptisms_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Births_and_Baptisms_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

- Germany, Anhalt, Dessau, City Directories, 1866-1919

Wiki Article:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany,_Anhalt,_Dessau,_City_Directories_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany,_Anhalt,_Dessau,_City_Directories_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

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- Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Military Records, 1830-1918

Wiki Article:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Military Records \(FamilySearch Historical Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany,_Bavaria,_Traunstein,_Military_Records_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

- Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Family Group Sheets, 1830-1900

Wiki Article:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Family Group Sheets \(FamilySearch Historical Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany,_Bavaria,_Traunstein,_Family_Group_Sheets_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

- Germany, Hesse, Frankfurt, Civil Registration, 1811-1814,1833-1928

Wiki Article:

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany, Hesse, Frankfurt, Civil Registration \(FamilySearch Historical Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany,_Hesse,_Frankfurt,_Civil_Registration_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

- **Genealogies**-search user contributed databases of pedigree charts (Tip - look for the submission ID to view the users entire submission.)

Ancestral File: A static collection of genealogies submitted by users prior to 2003 (40 million). Submissions were merged to eliminate duplication. Contains – 100,000 pre – 1600s names (= 25,000 families).

Pedigree Resource File: A growing collection of genealogies submitted by users (100s of millions). No corrections or merges are made.

IGI: Information from over 430 million ancestors contributed by members of the LDS Church – each record contains one event: birth, baptism (christening), marriage, or death.

Community Trees: A collection of sourced genealogies from specific times and places have been linked according to family lineages and relations.

- **Family History Centres**-over 4,700 worldwide, offering personal assistance to family history researchers. Gain access to premium family history subscription websites for free, access the microform collection at the Granite Mountain Record Vault through online ordering, and access local collections which vary from centre to centre. Visit our local website to view the Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre permanent collection at www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca

• Some Microfilms for Germany at the Ottawa Stake Family History Centre in the Permanent Collection:

- 496641
- 1049068
- 496640
- 162748
- 807991
- 807993
- 764064
- 208337
- 69603
- 69280
- 69209
- 69087
- 245516
- 245520
- 245512
- 247578
- 245770
- 245771
- 245513
- 245510
- 245493
- 208383
- 208386
- 1194737
- 1194738
- 0807992

• Microfilms under the Extended Loans cabinet ordered by Jim Schneider:

- 948262
- 948270
- 948263
- 948268

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- 938989
- 488254
- 949576
- 949570
- 1271267
- 1193945
- 938986
- 1193946
- 938992
- 938988
- 938987
- 1271266
- 343806
- 1194301
- 1194287

Preserving Your Family History Legacy:

- **FamilyTree:** Where you can add your pedigree and attach sources, documents, and stories. You can also view other pedigrees and find relatives. Can also be shared on social media.
- **Memories:** Where you can upload, tag, add metadata, and attach to your tree –photos, documents, stories, and audio files. You can also create digital photo albums. Can also be shared on social media. Search through millions of donated photos and stories, maybe you will find a family history gem!
- **FamilySearch Apps:** FamilyTree, and Memories.
 - **FamilyTree Mobile App:** Allows users to access and add to their family tree while on the go.
 - **Memories Mobile App:** Allows users to record, upload, and tag photos, stories, documents, and audio files while on the go.
- **FamilySearch App Gallery:** Discover what app can help you with your family history. Lists apps from 3rd parties. View ratings, descriptions, and if the app is FamilySearch Certified.